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PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Fourth Amendment permits federal agents to record and use in a criminal trial electronically intercepted conversations that are unrelated to the crimes specified in the court order authorizing the interception and that are not "immediately incriminatory."

2. Whether a district court may extend an electronic surveillance if the government's extension application fails to include a "reasonable explanation of the failure to obtain . . . results" as mandated by 18 U.S.C. § 2518(1)(f).

3. Whether, in view of this Court's recent decision in *Bose Corp.* v. *Consumers Union,* 104 S.Ct. 1949 (1984), the court of appeals erred in utilizing the "clearly erroneous" standard to review the district court's decision whether the FBI had made sworn representations in "reckless disregard" of the truth.

4. Whether the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment was violated by the admission of numerous extrajudicial statements incriminating the petitioner made by nontestifying and unavailable co-conspirators with no determination whatever as to the reliability of the declarations.

PARTIES BELOW

Other parties to the proceeding in the court below were Thomas F. O'Malley, Andrew G. Massa and Joseph Lombardo.

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OPINIONS BELOW

The opinion of the court of appeals (App. A, pp. 1a-40a, *infra*) is not yet reported. An opinion of the district court denying defendant's motion to suppress recordings of electronic surveillance (App. D, pp. 44a-132a, *infra*) is reported at 542 F. Supp. 345 (N.D. Ill. 1982). Other opinions of the district court, not directly relevant to the issues raised in this petition, are reported at 532 F. Supp. 1118 (N.D. Ill. 1982), and 565 F. Supp. 353 (N.D. Ill. 1983).

JURISDICTION

The judgment of the court of appeals was entered on June 8, 1984 (App. B, p. 41a, *infra*), and a timely petition for rehearing and suggestion for rehearing *en banc* were denied on July 12, 1984 (App. C, pp. 42a-43a, *infra*). The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1) (1976).

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

The Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution provides:

> The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

The Sixth Amendment of the United States Constitution provides in relevant part:

> In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, . . . and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; . . .

18 U.S.C. § 2518(1), provides, in pertinent part:

> **§ 2518. Procedure for interception of wire or oral communications**
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> (1) Each application for an order authorizing or approving the interception of a wire or oral communication under this chapter shall be made in writing upon oath or affirmation to a judge of competent jurisdiction and shall state the applicant's authority to make such application. Each application shall include the following information:
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> (f) where the application is for the extension of an order, a statement setting forth the results thus far obtained from the interception, or a reasonable explanation of the failure to obtain such results.

STATEMENT

Petitioner was one of five defendants [1] convicted after a trial by jury on all eleven counts of an indictment charging a conspiracy to bribe a United States Senator (18 U.S.C. § 371), travel in interstate commerce to promote the bribe (18 U.S.C. § 1952), and wire fraud committed as part of the bribery scheme (18 U.S.C. § 1343). Petitioner was President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters at the time of his trial and conviction. He was sentenced to a 55-year term of imprisonment [2] and to pay a fine of $29,000. As a condition of stay of the sentence, petitioner was required to surrender his position as President of the Teamsters.

The alleged bribery attempt was first suspected by federal authorities around April 18, 1979. For almost three months prior to that date, federal agents listened to and recorded many conversations to and from telephones at Allen Dorfman's place of business and in his office under four court orders that authorized the interception of conversations relating to the purchase of hidden ownerships in certain Nevada casinos. Thirty-three conversations that had been recorded during this time were introduced in evidence during petitioner's trial, although the government has conceded that none of the conversations "seized" in this manner related to the purchase-of-hidden-ownerships allegations.

1. The Wiretap Is Installed.

In late 1978, the Department of Justice and the FBI initiated an investigation of Allen Dorfman. The investigation was known by the code name "Pendorf," which stood for "Penetrate Dorfman." A central component of the government's investigation was the electronic surveillance of Dorfman's business telephones and, subsequently, of his personal office. This wiretap and eavesdrop lasted more than 14 months.

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[1] The other defendants were Allen Dorfman (who was killed before sentencing), Joseph Lombardo, Thomas F. O'Malley, and Andrew G. Massa.

[2] This maximum term of imprisonment was imposed under 18 U.S.C. § 4205(c), pending a 90-day study of petitioner's health.

It was described by the district judge as "the most pervasive" electronic surveillance known to him (App. D, p. 45a, *infra*).

The first wiretap was initiated on January 29, 1979, following application to Chief Judge Parsons of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The affidavit filed in support of the warrant application declared that confidential informants had provided reports indicating that Dorfman was involved in conspiracies regarding hidden interests in the Horseshoe Club Casino in Reno, Nevada, and the Bingo Palace and Slots-A-Fun Casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada. On January 29, Judge Parsons issued an order pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2518(4) authorizing the requested surveillance.

Between January 29 and February 28, 1979, FBI agents intercepted and recorded numerous conversations. None of the intercepted conversations related to the "hidden and unlawful financial interests" described to Judge Parsons. Twelve of these conversations were ultimately found to be relevant to the bribery conspiracy which was the subject of the indictment returned on May 22, 1981, and they were introduced into evidence at petitioner's trial.

2. The First Wiretap Extension Is Obtained.

By the end of February 1979, no evidence of "hidden and unlawful financial interests" in the Horseshoe Club, Bingo Palace and Slots-A-Fun gambling casinos had been discovered. On March 1, 1979, the government filed with Judge Parsons a request for a 30-day extension of the original wiretap order.[3] The same suspected offenses were alleged in the extension application. In addition, the affidavit declared that Dorfman was involved in hidden and unlawful financial interests in the

[3] The governing statute provides for a maximum 30-day period for an initial surveillance and authorizes extensions not to exceed 30 days. 18 U.S.C. § 2518(5).

Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas.[4] This information was allegedly derived from conversations overheard during the initial surveillance.

The extension application did *not* include "a statement setting forth the results thus far obtained from the interception, or a reasonable explanation of the failure to obtain such results," as required by 18 U.S.C. § 2518(1)(f). Nonetheless, Judge Parsons issued an order extending the original authorization, again covering the interception of conversations concerning "hidden and unlawful financial interests" in the original Nevada casinos and, for the first time, covering the interception of conversations concerning the Aladdin casino.

Between March 1 and March 30, 1979, the government again overheard and recorded numerous conversations. None related to the "hidden and unlawful financial interests" in casinos described by the government. A total of fourteen conversations intercepted and recorded during this period were introduced into evidence at petitioner's trial. In one of these conversations, petitioner was an overheard party.

3. The Second Wiretap Extension Is Obtained.

On March 30, 1979, the government applied for a second extension of the initial wiretap. The affidavit supporting this application repeated the earlier allegations concerning the Horseshoe, Bingo Palace and Slots-A-Fun casinos, although no conversation relevant to these casinos had been overheard. The affidavit again made an allegation concerning the Aladdin Hotel and charged, in addition, that there was a conspiracy to embezzle or convert funds from a Teamsters employee benefit plan. No allegation was made in this application or in either of the two earlier applications that any bribery offense was being committed. Consequently, Judge Parsons' second extension order did not authorize the interception or recording of any conversations relating to bribery.

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[4] The affiant stated that conversations had been intercepted during the first month which "concern the promotion and management of hidden and unlawful interests in the Aladdin hotel-casino and possibly other casinos located in Las Vegas, Nevada." Before the district court, it was conceded that this statement was inaccurate.

During the succeeding 30 days, the FBI overheard and recorded numerous conversations, five of which were introduced at petitioner's conspiracy-to-bribe trial. In one of these conversations, petitioner was an overheard party.

4. The Eavesdropping Warrant Is Obtained.

On April 7, the government applied for authorization to eavesdrop on conversations in Dorfman's office and in the office of William Webbe, an employee of Dorfman's insurance company. The same conspiracy allegations as had previously been made were repeated in the application for this eavesdrop. The order issued by Judge Parsons was limited again to conversations relating to the "hidden and unlawful financial interests" in Nevada casinos allegations and to conversations relating to the embezzlement allegation. No authorization was given to overhear or record conversations relating to any alleged bribery conspiracy.

The FBI agents overheard and recorded numerous conversations under the initial eavesdropping warrant. Two of these conversations were played during petitioner's bribery conspiracy trial.

5. The Third Wiretap Extension Is Obtained.

On April 28, 1979, the government again applied for an extension of the January 29 wiretap. The application repeated the earlier allegations concerning alleged hidden interests in Nevada casinos, although no conversation had been overheard in the preceding 90 days relating to any such allegation. For the first time, the affidavit also alleged that Dorfman and others were involved in a conspiracy to bribe Senator Howard Cannon of Nevada.

Thereafter, the government continued to wiretap and eavesdrop, on repeated extension applications, for the remainder of 1979 and into 1980. A total of 52 conversations overheard between January 30, 1978, and January 7, 1980, were recorded and played during petitioner's trial.

6. The Defendants Are Indicted.

On May 22, 1981, an 11-count indictment was returned, alleging that on January 10, 1979, petitioner and Dorfman had promised Senator Cannon that they would secure for him and his Las Vegas neighbors the "exclusive right" to purchase a 5.8 acre property known as "Wonderworld" in exchange for the Senator's opposition to deregulation of the trucking industry. The indictment alleged that the defendants had made efforts in the succeeding months to obtain the property, which was owned by the Teamsters Pension Fund, for Senator Cannon and his neighbors.

7. Motions To Suppress the Overheard Conversations Are Denied.

Petitioner and his co-defendants moved prior to trial to suppress the intercepted conversations on a variety of grounds based on violations of the Fourth Amendment and of the electronic surveillance provisions of federal law, 18 U.S.C. § 2510-2520. After holding an evidentiary hearing, the district court denied the motions in a lengthy opinion (App. D, pp. 44a-132a, *infra*).

8. The Defendants Are Tried And Found Guilty.

Defendants' trial lasted for approximately ten weeks. During the course of the trial, statements regarding petitioner made by co-defendants, many of which had been recorded, were introduced against petitioner. None of the defendants other than petitioner testified at the trial. Hence petitioner had no opportunity to cross-examine his co-defendants about the meaning or the truth of statements they had made in his absence. The district court rejected petitioner's "Confrontation Clause" objection to the introduction of these statements on the authority of *Dutton* v. *Evans*, 400 U.S. 74 (1970) (App. E, pp. 133a-140a, *infra*). The jury found all defendants guilty on all counts.

9. The Court of Appeals Affirms.

The court of appeals affirmed the convictions. With regard to the wiretaps, the court of appeals rejected petitioner's

argument that the seizure and use of conversations whose interception had been beyond the scope of the authorized electronic surveillance could only be justified if these conversations met the "immediately incriminatory" requirement of the plain-view doctrine. The court found that the plain view doctrine was inapplicable to electronic surveillance because once conversations have been lawfully recorded, denial of their use at a later stage would further no Fourth Amendment interests (App. A, pp. 15a-19a, *infra*).

The court of appeals agreed with the petitioner and with the district court that there was "good reason to doubt" that the government's first application for an extension of the electronic surveillance in this case complied with the statutory requirement that an extension application contain a statement of the results previously obtained under the surveillance or of the reasons why results had not been obtained (App. A, pp. 8a-9a, *infra*). Nonetheless, the court concluded that this failure to comply with the statute did not invalidate the extension because an independent basis for probable cause was set forth in the extension application (App. A, pp. 9a-10a, *infra*).

The court of appeals applied the "clearly erroneous" standard of review to the defendants' claim that representations made by the government in its affidavit for a warrant were either intentionally false or made with "reckless disregard for the truth." The court then held that it could not "term clearly erroneous the finding that the government's March 1 Aladdin allegations were not intentional or reckless misrepresentations" (App. A, p. 13a, *infra*).

Finally, the court of appeals rejected out-of-hand petitioner's argument that his Sixth Amendment right to confront the witnesses against him was violated by the introduction into evidence against him of electronically intercepted co-conspirator hearsay declarations without any inquiry into the reliability of those declarations (App. A, p. 27a, *infra*). The court relied entirely upon its prior decisions holding that hearsay declarations by a co-conspirator are *per se* admissible into evidence notwithstanding the Confrontation Clause. It concluded that "absent very persuasive reasons to overrule

these cases, or a command from a higher authority, challenges to co-conspirators' statements should be based on the requirements of Rule 801(d)(2)(E), not on the Sixth Amendment" (App. A, p. 27a, *infra*).

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE WRIT

This case raises a number of important questions concerning the execution of court orders authorizing electronic surveillance. The decision of the court of appeals rejecting petitioner's challenges to the use of recorded conversations at his trial conflicts with principles established by this Court. Since court-ordered electronic surveillance is a tool increasingly used by law-enforcement authorities, and since the cases in which such techniques are utilized call upon substantial prosecutorial and judicial resources, it is particularly important that recurring constitutional and legal issues be promptly resolved so that long investigations and extended trials will not have to be set aside.

1. *The "seizure" of conversations not authorized by the court order.*—There is no dispute over the proposition that 33 of the conversations introduced into evidence at petitioner's trial were overheard and recorded at a time when government agents neither knew nor suspected that there was any conspiracy to bribe. The judicial orders in effect at the time the conversations were "seized" did not empower the federal agents to overhear or record any conversations other than those relating to hidden financial interests in casinos.[5]

Nonetheless, the court of appeals approved use of such recorded conversations in evidence merely because the FBI agents had to overhear and immediately record all conversations to know which were pertinent to the court orders. Having

[5] Even this power was limited. Thus, during the first period of surveillance the government was authorized only to intercept conversations relating to the Horseshoe Club, Bingo Palace and Slots-A-Fun casinos. Later, based on the unauthorized seizure of conversations allegedly concerning the Aladdin casino, Judge Parsons also empowered the government to seize conversations concerning that casino.

once recorded the conversations, the agents were permitted, according to the court below, to retain the recordings and use them months later to buttress suspicions that first arose at that later date (App. A, pp. 15a-19a, *infra*). This reasoning patently eradicates any limitation that would otherwise be placed on the electronic surveillance by the constitutional requirement that the court order be one "particularly describing the . . . things to be seized."

Petitioner argued to the court of appeals that the constitutional requirement can be met by analogizing an electronic surveillance to a physical search of a home. A warrant for a physical search must "particularly describe" the things to be seized, but an officer executing the warrant may assume custody over things that are not described in the warrant if they are in "plain view"—*i.e.*, if it is "immediately apparent" that they are evidence of some other crime. *See Coolidge* v. *New Hampshire*, 403 U.S. 443 (1971); *Texas* v. *Brown*, 460 U.S. 730 (1983). A similar limitation of incidental electronic "seizures" to conversations that are patently inculpatory and therefore in "plain view" would implement this important policy of the Fourth Amendment.

The court below doubted, however, whether the plain-view doctrine was applicable to electronic surveillance (App. A, p. 17a, *infra*). It held that the agents could lawfully record *any* conversations that are overheard, and could then lawfully use *any* conversations that have been recorded (App. A, p. 18a, *infra*).

By permitting evidence that was not "immediately incriminatory" to be seized and used, the decision of the court of appeals conflicted with decisions in other Circuits that have excluded evidence not covered by a warrant if additional analysis or extended examination was required before its incriminatory quality was determined. *E.g.*, *United States* v. *Wright*, 667 F.2d 793, 799 (9th Cir. 1982); *United States* v. *Clark*, 531 F.2d 928, 932 (8th Cir. 1976); *United States* v. *Gray*, 484 F.2d 352, 356 (6th Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 414 U.S. 1158 (1974).

Besides eliminating all effective limitations on the scope of an electronic search, the reasoning conflicts squarely with the

constitutional premise of *Berger* v. *New York,* 388 U.S. 41 (1967), where this Court held that a judicial order authorizing interception of conversations is constitutional only if its scope is particularly limited. 388 U.S. at 57-58. Indeed, Justice Harlan drew precisely the line petitioner urged below when he noted in his dissent in *Berger,* 388 U.S. at 98-99 (emphasis added):

> [C]onversations are not "seized" either by eavesdropping alone, or by their recording. Just as some exercise of dominion, beyond mere perception, is necessary for the seizure of tangibles, *so some use of the conversation beyond the initial listening process is required for the seizure of the spoken word.*

Conversations that are unexpectedly overheard and recorded during a court-ordered electronic surveillance are usable in a prosecution only if a judge promptly approves their use in an order under 18 U.S.C. § 2517(5). Numerous decisions of courts of appeals have held that the limited authority granted by this subsection is directed to conversations that meet the "plain view" standard. *See, e.g., United States* v. *Sedovic,* 679 F.2d 1233, 1237 n.4 (8th Cir. 1982); *United States* v. *Masciarelli,* 558 F.2d 1064, 1066-67 (2d Cir. 1977); *United States* v. *Johnson,* 539 F.2d 181, 188 (D.C. Cir. 1976), *cert. denied,* 429 U.S. 1061 (1977). *See also* Goldsmith, *The Supreme Court and Title III Rewriting the Law of Electronic Surveillance,* 74 Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology 1, 141-150 (1983); Carr, *The Law of Electronic Surveillance* at § 5.09[1] (1977).

The issue in this case is the converse of the question decided by this Court in *United States* v. *Leon,* 52 U.S.L.W. 5155 (July 5, 1984). If a warrant is executed in good faith, in reasonable reliance on the approving magistrate's determination, the evidence obtained is now admissible at trial. But if the executing officers go *beyond* the authorization of the warrant—if they seize evidence that is not particularly described in the warrant and is not "immediately incriminatory"—that evidence should be excluded. If it is not, the constitutional limitation on the invasion of privacy becomes a nullity. There is then no effective deterrent to deliberate violation of the limits of the warrant. This Court should decide in this case whether the constitutional requirement of a valid warrant—the duty particu-

larly to describe the things to be seized—may be violated at will in the case of electronic surveillance of wire or oral conversations.

2. *The failure to comply with the statutory mandate.*—Subsection (f) of 18 U.S.C. § 2518(1) specifies one additional element of an application for an extension of an electronic surveillance order. Such an application must include "a statement setting forth the results thus far obtained from the interception, or a reasonable explanation of the failure to obtain such results."

Both courts below held that such a statement was absent from the government's extension application of March 1, 1979.[6] They concluded, however, that the March 1 application could have been granted as a sufficient original application, and that it did not, therefore, have to qualify as an extension.

That holding conflicts squarely with this Court's decision in *United States* v. *Giordano,* 416 U.S. 505 (1974), where this Court held unequivocally that the statutory requirement was "essential . . . to *any* extension of the intercept authority." 416 U.S. at 533 (emphasis added). The court of appeals distinguished *Giordano* as a case which "suppressed evidence intercepted under a Title III extension order because the extension was *dependent* on evidence illegally obtained pursuant to an initial order" (App. A, p. 10a, *infra;* emphasis added). The court below concluded that in this case there was "no basis for invoking the suppression remedy to punish the government" because there was an independent basis for probable cause. But *Giordano* itself foreclosed this distinction. Justice Powell's dissent in *Giordano* argued—just as the court of appeals has done here—that the extension application in that case could be upheld on the basis of an independent untainted showing of probable cause. *See* 416 U.S. at 558-61 (Powell, J.,

[6] The government asserted in the court of appeals that the statement that Dorfman "was out of the State of Illinois" amounted to the "reasonable explanation" required by the statute. The court of appeals correctly rejected this claim, noting that in context the affiant's assertion was not an explanation of failure but an erroneous claim of success (App. A, p. 9a, *infra*).

dissenting). The *Giordano* majority rejected Justice Powell's argument in language that applies to this case (416 U.S. at 533, emphasis added):

> It is urged in dissent that the information obtained from the illegal October 16 interception order may be ignored and that the remaining evidence submitted in the extension application was sufficient to support the extension order. ***But whether or not the application, without the facts obtained from monitoring Giordano's telephone, would independently support original wiretap authority, the Act itself forbids extension of prior authorizations without consideration of the results meanwhile obtained.*** . . . In our view, the results of the conversations overheard under the initial order were essential, ***both in fact and in law,*** to any extension of the intercept authority.

The purpose of the statement prescribed by Section 2518(1)(f) is not merely to describe affirmative results if any have been obtained, but also to place before the magistrate the absence of results, and to enable him to weigh the merits of the extension application in light of the disappointed expectations and any proffered explanation. It is not enough, therefore, to look at the remainder of the application to determine whether probable cause would exist if no surveillance had ever had taken place. The failure of the earlier surveillance is an important negative element in the magistrate's determination, and the omission of any explanation skews his judgment. This Court so held in *Giordano,* and it should reverse the judgment below for its misapplication of *Giordano.*

3. ***The application of an erroneous standard for appellate review.***—Under *Franks* v. *Delaware,* 438 U.S. 154 (1978), the Fourth Amendment is violated if a warrant application contains an allegation made by the government with reckless disregard for the truth. The court below decided, over defense objection, that the claim that the government's affidavit was untruthful in this case had to be judged by "the notion of reckless disregard in the context of First Amendment cases involving libel" (App. A, p. 11a, *infra*). The court then affirmed, under the "clearly erroneous" standard, the conclusion of the district court that the

FBI agents did not make misstatements with the requisite degree of reckless disregard for the truth. The court below said (App. A, p. 11a, *infra*):

> We may disturb this finding only if, after a review of the record, we find it clearly erroneous.

After describing the evidence, the court said (App. A, p. 13a, *infra*):

> [W]e cannot term clearly erroneous the finding that the government's March 1 Aladdin allegations were not intentional or reckless misrepresentations.

This standard of judicial review is not, however, applicable to the First Amendment test that was borrowed for this case. As recently as *Bose Corp.* v. *Consumers Union,* 104 S.Ct. 1949 (1984), this Court held that "the clearly erroneous standard of Rule 52(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure does not prescribe the standard of review to be applied in reviewing a determination of actual malice in a case governed by *New York Times* v. *Sullivan.*" 104 S.Ct. at 1967.

To be sure, the "actual malice" in this context relates not to First Amendment rights but to the protection of Fourth Amendment rights. But if the analogy between libel cases and unlawful search cases is valid and the "reckless disregard" definition may be carried over from libel to the area of search and seizure, the accompanying standard of judicial review should be equally applicable. Consequently, the decision of the court of appeals should be vacated and the case remanded for reconsideration in light of the standard of *Bose Corp.* v. *Consumers Union.*

4. *The violation of the Confrontation Clause.*—The Sixth Amendment's Confrontation Clause provides anyone accused of a crime with "the right . . . to be confronted with the witnesses against him." This Court has recognized that this clause reflects a preference for face-to-face confrontation at trial (*see* California v. *Green,* 399 U.S. 149, 157 (1970)) and that it envisions

> a personal examination and cross-examination of the witness in which the accused has an opportunity, not

> only of testing the recollection and sifting the conscience of the witness, but of compelling him to stand face to face with the jury in order that they may look at him, and judge by his demeanor upon the stand and the manner in which he gives his testimony whether he is worthy of belief.

Quoting *Mattox* v. *United United States,* 156 U.S. 237, 242-43 (1895). "These means of testing accuracy are so important that the absence of proper confrontation at trial 'calls into question the ultimate integrity of the fact-finding process.'" *Ohio* v. *Roberts,* 448 U.S. 56, 63-64 (1980), quoting *Chambers* v. *Mississippi,* 410 U.S. 284, 295 (1973), and *Berger* v. *California,* 393 U.S. 314, 315 (1969).

In *Ohio* v. *Roberts,* 448 U.S. 56 (1980), this Court recognized a limited exception to the Confrontation Clause when (1) the declarant is unavailable, and (2) the hearsay bears some sufficient "indicia of reliability." 448 U.S. at 65-66. The *Roberts* Court said, "Reliability can be inferred without more in a case where the evidence falls within a firmly rooted hearsay exception. In other cases, the evidence must be excluded, at least absent a showing of particularized guarantees of trustworthiness." 448 U.S. at 66. Examples of firmly rooted hearsay exceptions such as "dying declarations," "cross-examined prior trial testimony," and "business and public records" were enumerated, but the *Roberts* Court never mentioned the co-conspirator hearsay exception as being such a "firmly rooted" exception that a particularized inquiry into reliability is unnecessary. 448 U.S. at 66, n.8.[7]

The co-conspirator hearsay exception is not grounded, as are the other hearsay exceptions enumerated in *Roberts,* in any notion of the "reliability" of this type of declaration,[8] but is

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[7] In view of the Court's earlier decision in *Dutton* v. *Evans,* 400 U.S. 74 (1970), it could readily have found the co-conspirator exception to be "firmly rooted" if it had believed that the exception should be so characterized.

[8] Indeed, to the contrary, there is substantial authority suggesting that co-conspirator declarations are, in fact, highly unreliable. *See United States* v. *Barrett,* 539 F.2d 244, 252 (lst Cir. 1976); Davenport, *The Confrontation Clause and the Coconspirator Exception in Criminal Prosecutions: A Functional Analysis,* 85 Harv. L. Rev. 1378, 1387-88, 1396 (1972) ("[T]he naming of

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instead based upon theories of agency and necessity. *See* 4 Weinstein & Berger, *Evidence,* ¶ 801(d)(2)(E)(01). Such theories are not sufficient to ensure the reliable and accurate fact-finding required by the Sixth Amendment.

The *Roberts* decision, we submit, requires a particularized inquiry into the reliability of co-conspirator declarations such as those used against petitioner. There is a conflict among the courts of appeals on precisely this issue. *Compare United States* v. *Vadino,* 680 F.2d 1329, 1334 (11th Cir. 1982), *cert. denied sub nom. Stephens* v. *United States,* 103 S.Ct. 1771 (1983); *United States* v. *Singer,* 660 F.2d 1295, 1307 (8th Cir. 1981), *cert. denied,* 454 U.S. 1156 (1982); and *United States* v. *Perez,* 658 F.2d 654, 660-61 (9th Cir. 1981); *with United States* v. *Brown,* 667 F.2d 566, 567-68 (6th Cir. 1982); *United States* v. *Burroughs,* 650 F.2d 595, 597 n.3 (5th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 454 U.S. 1037 (1981); and *United States* v. *Cotton,* 646 F.2d 430, 433 (10th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 454 U.S. 861 (1981).

This case presents an appropriate record for resolution of this conflict. Petitioner participated in only four of the fifty electronically intercepted conversations which were admitted into evidence as co-conspirator declarations. Of the remaining forty-six conversations admitted against him, petitioner only had the opportunity for full cross-examination respecting nineteen. None of the nineteen conversations for which full cross-examination was available even mentioned petitioner or impli-

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another as a compatriot will almost never be against the declarant's own interest and will thus contain little assurance of reliability on this ground . . . The invocation of a name may be gratuitous, may be deliberately false in order to gain advantage for the declarant greater than those that would flow from naming a real participant or no one at all, may be a cover for concealment purposes . . . or may represent an effort to gain some sort of personal revenge."); Levie, *Hearsay and Conspiracy: A Reexamination of the Coconspirator's Exception to the Hearsay Rule,* 52 Mich. L. Rev. 1159, 1165-66 (1954) ("The conspirator's interest is likely to be misleading the listener into believing the conspiracy stronger with more members (and different members) and other aims than in fact it has."); Report, New Jersey Supreme Court, Committee on Evidence 167 (1963) ("Many of those who have closely studied the problem of conspiracy evidence are in agreement that such evidence is highly unreliable.").

cated him personally in any manner.[9] The remaining twenty-seven conversations for which cross-examination was either limited or non-existent (because co-defendants participated in the conversations) contained the critical evidence against petitioner.

[9] *See* Govt. Exs. 102-T; 104-T; 105-T; 105-A-T; 112-T; 113-T; 114-T; 117-T; 120-T; 121-T; 122-T; 124-T; 127-T; 128-T; 129-T; 130-T; 132-T; 139-T; and 141-T.

CONCLUSION

The use of electronic surveillance as an investigative device is ever expanding. This case presents extremely important legal issues concerning the lawful scope of such surveillance, and the ultimate integrity of convictions based on the fruits of such surveillance. The court of appeals' decision gives the government too much leeway to bypass the constitutional and statutory safeguards designed to protect individual freedom. The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

In the

United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit

Nos. 83-1642, 83-1643, 83-1644, 83-1660,
83-2206, 83-2207, 83-2208, 83-2229

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

ROY L. WILLIAMS, THOMAS F. O'MALLEY,
ANDREW G. MASSA, JOSEPH LOMBARDO,

Defendants-Appellants.

Appeals from the United States District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.
No. 81 CR 269—Prentice H. Marshall, *Judge.*

ARGUED JANUARY 5, 1984—DECIDED JUNE 8, 1984

Before ESCHBACH, POSNER and COFFEY, *Circuit Judges.*

ESCHBACH, *Circuit Judge.* Roy Williams, Joseph Lombardo, Thomas O'Malley, and Andrew Massa appeal from convictions on all 11 counts of an indictment charging conspiracy to bribe a United States Senator, 18 U.S.C. § 371, interstate travel to promote the bribery, 18 U.S.C. § 1952, and wire fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1343. Only Lombardo attacks the sufficiency of the evidence. All defendants, however, contend that the district court erred (1) in denying a motion to suppress evidence obtained through electronic surveillance, (2) in ruling on several evidentiary

matters, (3) in handling ex parte juror contacts, (4) in instructing the jury, and (5) in denying a request for a new trial. Finding no merit in these contentions, we affirm.

I.

Many aspects of this case are extraordinary. For instance, the trial lasted nearly two months, and the jury charge an hour and a half. Moreover, the parties made over 200 written motions to the district court, which gave each motion individual attention. Amid this complexity, the government's theory of criminal culpability is strikingly clear: the defendants, Allen Dorfman,[1] and William Webbe, an unindicted co-conspirator, devised and pursued a scheme to bribe a United States Senator at the expense of the Teamsters' Central States Pension Fund.[2] Viewing the evidence in the government's favor, *see Glasser v. United States*, 315 U.S. 60, 80 (1942), we now describe the events that support this charge and the defendants' convictions.

The Teamsters' Central States Pension Fund ("Pension Fund" or "Fund") is an organization created by and funded pursuant to collective bargaining agreements between the Teamsters Union and employers. As the name implies, the Pension Fund pays benefits to retired union members. In 1972, the Pension Fund acquired what is known as the Wonderworld property—a 5.8 acre plot of land in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Pension Fund, however, lost direct control over the management and disposition of this property in 1977, when the Victor Palmieri Company ("Palmieri") was retained to manage the Fund's real estate assets. The Pension Fund's trustees, as part of an

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[1] Dorfman was named, and found guilty as charged, in all counts of the indictment. He was murdered prior to sentencing and the case against him was dismissed as moot. In this opinion, the term "defendants" will refer to the appellants, not Dorfman.

[2] The full name of this entity is "Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund."

effort to retain the Fund's tax-exempt status, relinquished managerial control to Palmieri and retained only the right to monitor Palmieri and to remedy breaches of fiduciary duties.

In 1978, when Palmieri decided to sell the Wonderworld property, nearby homeowners became concerned that a high-rise building would be constructed on the land. The homeowners thus organized and selected as their spokesman Senator Howard Cannon, whose home was across the street from the Wonderworld property. The group decided to purchase the land with a view toward having the property "down-zoned." At a homeowners' meeting, Senator Cannon offered to call Allen Dorfman to discover whether the group could buy the property directly from the Pension Fund. At the time, Allen Dorfman was not formally associated with the Fund; however, his insurance company, which had offices in the same building that housed the Pension Fund, previously insured many of the Fund's assets. Senator Cannon also suggested that his son-in-law, Robert Bjornsen, could serve as the group's agent for the Wonderworld transaction. The homeowners agreed and Bjornsen initiated contacts with Palmieri in late December of 1978.

On January 8, 1979, Palmieri invited sealed bids from parties who had expressed interest in the Wonderworld property. The bid-solicitation letter stated several conditions, including that the minimum bid was $1,400,000. Before Bjornsen submitted a bid on behalf of the homeowners, however, Senator Cannon met in his Las Vegas office with Allen Dorfman, Roy Williams, then an international vice-president of the Teamsters Union,[3] and Edward Wheeler, a lawyer who represented the Teamsters on legislative matters.

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[3] Roy Williams subsequently became the international president of the Teamsters, but resigned that position as a condition to remain free pending appeal. *See United States v. Williams*, 565 F. Supp. 350, 353 n.1 (1983).

At this meeting, which occurred on January 10, 1979, Wheeler voiced the Teamsters' objections to the deregulation of the trucking industry—a nascent proposal in Congress. After he completed his presentation, Wheeler heeded Williams' request and left the Senator's office. Williams, Dorfman, and Senator Cannon continued to meet for another 25 to 45 minutes. The three men discussed the Wonderworld property and the homeowners' effort to purchase the land. Williams and Dorfman, seeking to influence Senator Cannon's actions and decisions on the deregulation legislation, offered the Senator and his group the exclusive right to purchase the Wonderworld property at a price of $1,400,000. Over the next four months, the defendants, Allen Dorfman, and Dorfman's associate William Webbe, worked to keep this promise.

Robert Bjornsen, on behalf of the homeowners, submitted to Palmieri a $1,400,000 bid on January 12, 1979. The bid, however, was rejected for failure to conform to Palmieri's requirement of full payment within one year. Palmieri also rejected a $1,600,000 bid from investor Allen Glick because he failed to submit the requisite personal-finance statement. Receiving no complying bids, Palmieri decided to pursue further negotiations with Bjornsen, the homeowners' agent, and Glick, the high bidder.

Palmieri and Glick appeared to reach an agreement. Glick orally made a new offer for $1,600,000 and agreed to raise the down payment from $400,000 to $800,000. On January 29, 1979, a Palmieri representative accepted this offer and closing documents were mailed to Glick's attorney. Before the purchase agreement was executed, however, Glick withdrew his offer.

A concerted effort by the four defendants led to Glick's withdrawal. Early in the afternoon on January 30, 1979, Joseph Lombardo, whose vocational status is something of a mystery, made a proposal to Allen Dorfman to send people from the Pension Fund to speak with Glick. In particular, Lombardo named as emissaries Thomas O'Malley, then a trustee of the Fund, and Andrew Massa, a former

trustee. Roy Williams approved the trip and made an airplane available to O'Malley and Massa.

Later that same day, O'Malley and Massa did fly to California to meet with Glick. During a dinner meeting, O'Malley and Massa frankly described their intentions. They told Glick that a homeowners' group headed by Senator Cannon wanted to buy the Wonderworld property. The two men further informed Glick that there was legislation pending before a Senate committee chaired by Senator Cannon that would harm the trucking industry and that they wanted the legislation defeated. To secure Senator Cannon's appreciation, therefore, O'Malley and Massa asked Glick to withdraw his $1,600,000 offer. Glick readily agreed to withdraw the outstanding offer, but made it known that his partner, Fred Glusman, might wish to continue his own efforts to purchase the property.

The next day Glick withdrew the offer on the Wonderworld property and suggested to Glusman that he refrain from individually pursuing the land. From the conspirators' point of view, therefore, prospects appeared promising on February 9, 1979, when Bjornsen submitted another offer on behalf of the homeowners. The purchase offer was again for $1,400,000 and included a sizeable commission to be paid to Bjornsen's company. Undeterred by Glick's suggestion, however, Glusman made an offer for $1,600,000. Accordingly, the homeowners' offer was rejected and Palmieri proceeded to close the deal with Glusman.

Before the deal was completed, Glusman was again contacted by Glick who told Glusman not to "fight city hall." Evidently not prepared for such a contest, Glusman withdrew his offer on February 15, 1979. Thus by the beginning of March, the slate was clean and Palmieri resumed negotiations with Bjornsen.

By that time, however, it seemed plain that the Wonderworld property would be "down-zoned"; consequently, the homeowners' group lost interest in buying the property and disbanded. Dorfman and Webbe, determined to keep a promise made to Senator Cannon, then

helped Bjornsen find a new partner for the desired purchase—Robert L. Smith, who was a Las Vegas contractor and business associate of Dorfman. Bjornsen submitted a series of three bids on behalf of "Robert L. Smith"; each was for $1,400,000 and each was rejected by Palmieri for providing an insufficient down payment. Throughout this final stage of the conspiracy, Dorfman and Williams lamented their inability to fulfill the commitment made to Senator Cannon. Yet as late as May 21, 1979, Dorfman assured the Senator that the deal was still "wide open."

On May 25, 1979, Palmieri accepted American National Development Corporation's offer to purchase the Wonderworld property for $1,600,000. On July 2, 1979, the property was sold to that corporation.

On May 22, 1981, the defendants were charged in all counts of an 11-count indictment. Count I charged the defendants with a conspiracy to bribe a United States Senator, 18 U.S.C. § 371. Count II charged the defendants with causing O'Malley and Massa to travel in interstate commerce to California, with the intent to promote the bribery, 18 U.S.C. § 1952. Counts III to XI charged the defendants with the use of interstate wires for the purpose of executing a scheme to defraud the Pension Fund of its "right to the conscientious, loyal, faithful, disinterested, and unbiased services of Thomas F. O'Malley," 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

The district court denied the defendants' motions to dismiss the indictment, *see United States v. Dorfman*, 532 F. Supp. 1118 (1981), and to suppress evidence obtained through electronic surveillance, *see United States v. Dorfman*, 542 F. Supp. 345 (1982). A jury trial was held and the defendants were found guilty as charged in all counts of the indictment. Williams received the maximum sentence of 55 years in prison, but this sentence was imposed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4205(c) to permit a study of Williams' health. The district court indicated that when the study is complete, Williams' sentence will be reduced.

Lombardo was sentenced to a prison term of 15 years, O'Malley to a term of 30 months, and Massa to one year.

II.

The government's evidence at trial consisted in large measure of conversations surreptitiously intercepted and recorded pursuant to court orders and the provisions of Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510 to 2520 ("Title III"). The defendants, blending constitutional and statutory arguments, maintain that this evidence was illegally obtained and introduced at trial. Before we address these arguments, however, we briefly describe the government's electronic investigation.

A.

On January 29, 1979, the government, through a special attorney for the Department of Justice, applied for Title III authority to place a wiretap on telephones at the Amalgamated Insurance Agency, which was Dorfman's place of business. The application stated that there was probable cause to believe that Dorfman and others were illegally "conspiring to establish, promote, manage, and/or receive compensation from hidden interests in one or more Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, gambling casinos." 542 F. Supp. at 370. The application, which was made to the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, was supported by an affidavit of FBI Special Agent Peter Wacks. Wacks' affidavit, in turn, was based on reports from six confidential informants and one James Fratianno. The Chief Judge granted the application and the surveillance commenced.

The initial surveillance order expired after 30 days; thus on March 1, 1979, the government applied to the district court for authority to continue intercepting telephone calls. This application repeated the initial allegations concerning hidden interests in casinos. The application, however,

added the Aladdin hotel-casino to the list. This new allegation was made in an affidavit of Special Agent Wacks and supported by transcripts of conversations intercepted pursuant to the initial court order. The Chief Judge granted the March 1, 1979, application and authorized 30 more days of wiretaps.

A series of 30-day authorizations followed throughout 1979 and into 1980. Not until the application of April 28, 1979, did the government allege that Dorfman and others were involved in a conspiracy to bribe Senator Cannon. We disclose this brief history by noting that on April 7, 1979, the government obtained its most effective Title III authority—a court order that permitted the placement of electronic-listening devices in the offices of Dorfman and William Webbe.

The defendants have brought up from the district court's suppression proceedings essentially two arguments. First, they assert that the government's March 1, 1979, application did not satisfy Title III's requirements and, in any event, was supported by an affidavit containing a deliberate or reckless misrepresentation. Second, they contend that the Fourth Amendment required the suppression of conversations recorded prior to April 28, 1979, when the government first alleged the existence of a conspiracy to bribe Senator Cannon. We now consider, and ultimately reject, these positions.

B.

The government supported its March 1, 1979, Title III application with the same allegations and probable-cause showing made to obtain the original surveillance order. An extension application is not complete, however, if it only duplicates the original submission. The authorizing judge must be sufficiently informed about the results of the prior interceptions to answer intelligently the question whether probable cause exists to believe relevant conversations will be intercepted in the future. Accordingly,

18 U.S.C. § 2518(1)(f) requires that the extension application contain a statement of results previously obtained, or an explanation of the failure to obtain results. Ruling on the defendants' motion to suppress, the district court held that the government's application of March 1, 1979, "did not contain the required explanation." 542 F. Supp. at 374.

The government asserts that the district court overlooked a statement in the March 1, 1979, application that "[d]uring the entire period of this court's order for the interception of wire communications, the main subject of the investigation, Allen Dorfman, was out of the State of Illinois." In the government's view, this declaration is a "reasonable statement of the failure to obtain . . . results," 18 U.S.C. § 2518(1)(f).

There is good reason to doubt that the brief reference to Dorfman's absence was sufficient to satisfy 18 U.S.C. § 2518(1)(f). For instance, the statement was made in the context of (incorrectly) asserting that conversations relating to the January 29, 1979, allegations had been intercepted. We would thus hesitate to hold that the government's application fairly explained the results of prior surveillance to allow an intelligent probable-cause determination. We need not so hold, however, because the March 1 application was not founded solely on a renewal of the initial (January 29) allegations.

As we noted above, allegations concerning the Aladdin hotel-casino were made first in the March 1 application. Special Agent Wacks alleged in his affidavit that the FBI had intercepted conversations pursuant to the January 29 wiretap order that "concerned the promotion and management of hidden and unlawful interests in the Aladdin hotel-casino." Wacks provided the court with transcripts of the conversations, biographical information on the participants, and the meaning of certain veiled references.

Wacks' allegations and the transcripts of conversations formed an ample basis for the Chief Judge's probable-

cause finding under § 2518(3).[4] The one-month-old allegations concerning other casinos were surplus, and any failure to explain the lack of intercepted calls to substantiate the January 29 allegations was rendered immaterial. Apart from the purportedly inadequate § 2518(1)(f) explanation, the defendants cite, and we have discovered, no other statutory deficiency in the government's March 1 submissions. All predicates for a Title III order were thus satisfied and the Chief Judge properly issued the wiretap authorization.

The Supreme Court's decision in *United States v. Giordano*, 416 U.S. 505 (1974), which is cited by the defendants, does not compel a contrary conclusion. The Court in that case suppressed evidence intercepted under a Title III extension order because the extension was dependent on evidence illegally obtained pursuant to an initial order. The instant case, by contrast, involves only valid orders issued on applications meeting Title III's requirements. There is no basis for invoking the suppression remedy to punish the government for a deficient (if it was) § 2518(1)(f) statement, which was inessential to the showing of probable cause and the issuance of the March 1 wiretap order.

Special Agent Wacks' allegation in his March 1 affidavit that conversations were intercepted concerning the "promotion and management of hidden and unlawful financial interests in the Aladdin hotel-casino" proved to be false. The conversations allegedly involving the Aladdin hotel-casino turned out to involve the defendants' and Allen Dorfman's efforts to direct the Wonderworld property to the homeowners' group headed by Senator Cannon. The defendants use this misrepresentation as their primary weapon in the attack on evidence intercepted pursuant to the March 1 wiretap order.

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[4] In a footnote the defendants assert that the March 1 materials did not establish probable cause. For the reasons expressed by the district court, *see* 542 F. Supp. at 375-76, we disagree. *See also infra* pp. 12-13.

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In challenging Wacks' affidavit in the district court, the defendants' task was defined by *Franks v. Delaware*, 438 U.S. 154, 171 (1978): they had to prove that the Aladdin allegations were intentional lies or made with reckless disregard for the truth.[5] *See also United States v. Gaertner*, 705 F.2d 210, 212 (7th Cir. 1983), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 979 (1984). We know what intentional lies are, but the meaning of "reckless disregard for the truth" is not self-evident, and the Court in *Franks* did not define the concept. We do know, however, that recklessness is not negligence, *see Franks*, 438 U.S. at 171, and that the Court has clarified the notion of reckless disregard in the context of First Amendment cases involving libel. We thus agree with the District of Columbia Circuit, *see United States v. Davis*, 617 F.2d 677, 694 (1979), that the First Amendment definition should be applied by analogy in the *Franks* setting. Accordingly, to prove reckless disregard for the truth, the defendants had to prove that the affiant "in fact entertained serious doubts as to the truth of his" allegations. *St. Amant v. Thompson*, 390 U.S. 727, 731 (1968). Because states of mind must be proved circumstantially, a factfinder may infer reckless disregard from circumstances evincing "obvious reasons to doubt the veracity" of the allegations. *See id.* at 732.

The district court held an extensive evidentiary hearing, applied the correct legal standards, and found that the defendants "failed to demonstrate that the incorrect March 1 Aladdin allegations were either intentional misrepresentations, or made with reckless disregard for the truth." *United States v. Dorfman*, 542 F. Supp. at 381. We may disturb this finding only if, after a review of the record, we find it clearly erroneous. *See United States v. Wuagneux*, 683 F.2d 1343, 1355 (11th Cir. 1982), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 69 (1983); *United States v. Lefkowitz*, 618 F.2d 1313, 1317 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 449 U.S. 824

[5] A challenged statement must also be material in the sense that without it, no probable cause was established. The Aladdin allegations fit this definition of materiality.

(1980); *United States v. Cruz*, 594 F.2d 268, 272 (1st Cir.), *cert. denied*, 444 U.S. 898 (1979).

A review of conversations intercepted pursuant to the January 29 wiretap order demonstrates that the government's Aladdin allegations were not manufactured from whole cloth. On January 31 and February 1, the government intercepted communications between one "Sandy" and David Dorfman, Allen Dorfman's son and associate. On January 31, the two discussed an attempt being made by Colonial Commercial Credit Corporation to refinance the Aladdin hotel-casino. They expressed concern about a competing refinancing proposal and a mysterious "source" of funds. The conversation intercepted on February 1 indicates that Sandy talked about the Aladdin with Allen Dorfman, who stated that the "deal" was "dead," but who still planned a future meeting regarding the matter.

Beginning on January 30, and continuing throughout February, the government also intercepted calls concerning a "bid" on a piece of property. Allen Dorfman, Joseph Lombardo, William Webbe, and another person were overheard on January 30 talking about sending Thomas O'Malley and Andrew Massa to speak with an unnamed person about a "bid" that they wanted "handled." In a series of calls that followed, the government learned more about the handling of this bid: a man named Glick was the bidder on the property and Allen Dorfman succeeded in securing Glick's withdrawal. The government further learned on February 13 that a bid had been rejected by "Palmieri."

The conversations by themselves could have led a reasonable person to conclude that Allen Dorfman and his associates were involved in an effort to acquire, promote, or manage a hidden interest in the Aladdin hotel-casino. And Special Agent Wacks' investigation revealed further facts to support such a thesis. He learned that the "Glick" in the conversations was Allen Glick, the president of Argent Corporation, which owned several Las Vegas

hotel-casinos. Wacks also learned that "Palmieri" was a firm that managed the Pension Fund's real estate assets, that the Pension Fund made loans to and had an interest in the Aladdin, and that O'Malley and Massa were Pension Fund officials. In light of the confluence of factors pointing to the Aladdin hotel-casino, and deferring to the district court's opportunity to observe the testimony of Special Agent Wacks and other investigators, we cannot term clearly erroneous the finding that the government's March 1 Aladdin allegations were not intentional or reckless misrepresentations.

The defendants primarily point to two items as compelling a contrary result. First, they note that Special Agent Wacks erroneously stated in his March 1 affidavit that conversations substantiating the original January 29 allegations had been intercepted. The district court, however, accorded this fact "marginal probative value," 542 F. Supp. at 381 n.37, and we will not reweigh the evidence on appeal. Second, the defendants accord great significance to the fact that by March 1, Special Agent Wacks and other investigators knew that the "bid" referred to in the conversations was not on the Aladdin but, rather, on some "golf course" property. The March 1 affidavit, however, did not state that the bid was on the Aladdin. The government gave the Chief Judge the transcripts and only alleged that the conversations "concern" a hidden interest in the Aladdin hotel-casino. This language is consonant with the investigators' view that somehow the machinations involving the "golf course" property also concerned a hidden interest in the Aladdin. Nothing in the transcripts is inconsistent with this view and, given the veiled nature of the discussions, the government could hardly be expected to have defined the connection more explicitly. Finally, two additional pieces of evidence support the finding that the investigators truly believed a link existed between all the conversations contained in the March 1 application: summaries of the "bid" conversations were coded into FBI files on both the Aladdin and "golf course" properties; and a telegram sent

from the FBI's Chicago office to the Director on February 14, 1979, stated that the "bid" calls "relate to" the Aladdin.

The defendants argue, nevertheless, that the government was constitutionally obliged to make a "complete and total disclosure" to the Chief Judge. Accordingly, they conclude, the government's failure to inform the Chief Judge that the "bid" in the conversations was not directly on the Aladdin mandates suppression.

We acknowledge that the rationale of *Franks* applies to omissions and that several courts have permitted litigants to challenge affidavits on the ground that facts were omitted.[6] *See, e.g., United States v. Lefkowitz*, 618 F.2d 1313, 1317 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 449 U.S. 824 (1980); *United States v. Vazquez*, 605 F.2d 1269, 1282 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 444 U.S. 981 (1979); *United States v. House*, 604 F.2d 1135, 1141 (8th Cir. 1979), *cert. denied*, 445 U.S. 931 (1980); *United States v. Lace*, 502 F. Supp. 1021, 1046 (D. Vt. 1980). These courts recognize, however, that the omitted fact must be material—that is, if the fact were included, the affidavit would not support a finding of probable cause. *See Lefkowitz*, 618 F.2d at 1317; *Vazquez*, 605 F.2d at 1282; *House*, 604 F.2d at 1141. It is further plain that if the challenger is permitted to marshal all exculpatory facts, fairness dictates that the government be allowed to support the affidavit with additional inculpatory information known to the affiant at the time the affidavit was made. *Cf.* 2 W. LaFave, *Search and Seizure* § 4.4, at 20 (Supp. 1983).

Judging the omission in this case by these standards, we hold that the omission did not reach the level of constitutional materiality. The transcripts included in the March 1 affidavit reveal that the "bid" was for $1,600,000. A reasonable judge would recognize that this figure is too

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[6] Such a *Franks* challenge is predicated, of course, on proof that the omission was made intentionally or with reckless disregard. *See United States v. Martin*, 615 F.2d 318, 329 (5th Cir. 1980).

low to be a direct offer to purchase the Aladdin hotel-casino; thus the bid and the Aladdin must, at best, be indirectly connected. Consequently, the omitted fact—that the bid was not on the Aladdin—was of marginal value and constitutionally insignificant when measured against the substantial evidence linking the bid conversations and the Aladdin, *see supra* pp. 12-13.

C.

The defendants mount a broader and more creative challenge to the admissibility of 33 conversations intercepted prior to April 28, 1979, when the government first alleged in a Title III application a conspiracy to bribe Senator Cannon. The challenge is founded on the Fourth Amendment's requirement that a search warrant "particularly describ[e] the place to be searched, and the . . . things to be seized." Before we address the heart of this argument, however, we must describe what the defendants are not challenging.

The defendants do not find unconstitutionally vague either the government's Title III applications or the Chief Judge's orders. Indeed, Congress requires in Title III that every application contain information detailing the offense under investigation, the nature and location of the property where the interception is to occur, the type of conversation sought to be intercepted, and the persons thought to be committing the alleged offense. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 2518(1)(b)(i)-(iv). In addition, any order authorizing interception must contain "a particular description of the type of communication sought to be intercepted, and a statement of the particular offense to which it relates." *Id.* § 2518(4)(c).

Similarly, the defendants do not assert that the government violated constitutional or statutory law in overhearing and recording the 33 challenged conversations. Section 2518(5), which finds its roots in the Fourth Amendment, mandates that "[e]very order and extension

thereof . . . shall be conducted in such a way as to minimize the interception of communications not otherwise subject to interception under this chapter." Government agents, however, "can hardly be expected to know [which] calls are not pertinent prior to their termination." *Scott v. United States*, 436 U.S. 128, 140 (1978). When the investigation is of a suspected large-scale conspiracy, and when the suspects speak in veiled terms, the government is justified in intercepting conversations that eventually prove to be without the scope of the Title III authorization. *See id.* at 140-41; *United States v. Quintana*, 508 F.2d 867, 874 (7th Cir. 1975); *United States v. James*, 494 F.2d 1007, 1019 (D.C. Cir.), *cert. denied*, 419 U.S. 1020 (1974).

The defendants do make a distinction between intercepting conversations and using conversations as evidence in a criminal prosecution. Noting that the government was authorized to search for evidence of hidden interests in casinos, but intercepted 33 conversations relating to different charges, they argue that "conversations that have been 'seized' out of necessity in recorded form . . . must be embargoed and thereafter made unavailable to the investigating government agents." The constitutional infirmity arose, in the defendants' view, not when the conversations were recorded, but when the government made investigative and evidentiary use of the conversations.

The defendants must, to succeed in this argument, surmount the obstacle of the "plain view" doctrine, which authorizes the seizure of evidence not described in a warrant. To this end, the defendants note that an item in plain view may be seized only if there is probable cause to believe that the item is evidence of criminality, *see Texas v. Brown*, 103 S. Ct. 1535 (1983). Their argument concludes with a review of the 33 conversations, which the defendants describe as facially innocuous.

The defendants' rigid application of traditional search-and-seizure principles is ironic; surely it is inconsistent to demand a flexible interpretation of the Fourth Amend-

ment to afford some constitutional limits on the interception of conversations, and then to insist on a rigid reading when the needs of effective law enforcement are considered. Irony aside, we believe that it is evident that the defendants would have us apply a "plain view" principle—i.e., only items apparently evidence of a crime may be seized—in a manner never intended by the Supreme Court. The principle defines permissible seizures, not permissible uses of items lawfully seized. But as noted above, the defendants do not challenge the initial recording (search and seizure) of the 33 conversations, only the government's use of the evidence. Moreover, there is good reason to doubt that the plain view doctrine, as currently developed, should be applied to electronic interceptions of conversations. The plain view doctrine is concerned about the Fourth "Amendment's limitations upon seizures of personal property," whereas the interceptions in this case might be thought of as more like an "officer's observation of an item left in plain view, [which] involves no Fourth Amendment search." *Texas v. Brown*, 103 S. Ct. at 1541 n.4.

Were we to apply traditional search-and-seizure principles in this case, we could note that an officer performing a lawful search may, on "reasonable suspicion," conduct closer examination of an item in plain view, *see United States v. Wright*, 667 F.2d 793, 797-98 (9th Cir. 1982); if by the end of the search there is probable cause to believe that the item is evidence of a crime, it may be seized. *See United States v. Schire*, 586 F.2d 15, 19 (7th Cir. 1978). We could also note that the 33 challenged conversations are "suspicious" and that the government's Title III search continued long after the criminal character of the conversations was known. Accordingly, we could hold that the conversations were properly seized and used by the government. This reasoning, however, is just as artificial and inappropriate as the defendants' analysis. A more sensitive, less doctrinaire, inquiry is required.

The basis of modern Fourth Amendment law is the Supreme Court's understanding of "the right to privacy."

See Oliver v. United States, 52 U.S.L.W. 4425, 4427 (U.S. April 17, 1984). The defendants suggest that the maintenance of a "library . . . of recordings of conversations" is a practice of constitutional concern apart from the initial interception (overhearing) of the communications. Stripped to its core, therefore, the defendants' argument is that the Fourth Amendment prevents the government from reviewing lawfully recorded conversations for evidence of a charge not alleged in the Title III application.

We find little merit in this argument. It is settled that "once police are lawfully in a position to observe an item first-hand, its owner's privacy interest in that item is lost." *Illinois v. Andreas*, 103 S. Ct. 3319, 3324 (1983). Moreover, it has long been clear that "[p]rotecting the risk of misdescription hardly enhances any legitimate privacy interest," *United States v. Jacobsen*, 104 S. Ct. 1652, 1659 (1984); thus a government agent may constitutionally record conversations lawfully overheard. *See Lopez v. United States*, 373 U.S. 427 (1963). The nature of the privacy interest assertedly harmed by the government's review of conversations lawfully recorded, therefore, is difficult or impossible to define.

We need not rule that, in all cases, the government may review its "library of conversations" to corroborate charges not made before the Title III authorizing court. But in a case of a continuing investigation such as this, in which the government's review of the conversations promptly ripened into formal allegations justifying further Title III orders, we cannot conclude that the government's conduct was unreasonable and consequently unconstitutional.

Finally, we note that Title III itself has a mechanism to limit and assure the reasonableness of the government's use of other-crimes evidence. Section 2517(5) provides that before evidence can be used in the prosecution of an offense different from the one named in the original application, a separate application must be made to the court. *See generallly United States v. Brodson*, 528 F.2d 214,

215 (7th Cir. 1975). The application must be "made as soon as practicable," § 2517(5), and judicial approval requires "a showing that the original order was lawfully obtained, that it was sought in good faith and not as a subterfuge search, and that the communication was in fact incidentally intercepted during the course of a lawfully executed order." S. Rep. No. 1097, 90th Cong., 2d Sess. 66, *reprinted in* 1968 U.S. Code Cong. & Ad. News 2112, 2189; *see United States v. Vento*, 533 F.2d 838, 855 (3d Cir. 1976). The defendants do not raise a § 2517(5) argument on appeal.

III.

The defendants raise a variety of evidentiary arguments. They assert that the district court erred in admitting as substantive evidence portions of William Webbe's grand-jury testimony and in finding that statements made at a meeting in Dorfman's office on May 21, 1979, were in furtherance of the conspiracy to bribe Senator Cannon.

A.

As we stated in Part I of this opinion, Allen Dorfman's associate and employee William Webbe played a central role in the conspiracy to bribe Senator Cannon. Webbe escaped prosecution, however, because he was granted immunity and compelled to testify before the grand jury and at trial. A synopsis of some of that testimony is needed to understand the defendants' first evidentiary argument.

During the first day of his grand-jury testimony, it became clear that Webbe was a recalcitrant witness unwilling to confirm information that the government learned from its electronic investigation. The prosecutor, nevertheless, focused on the January 10, 1979, meeting in Las Vegas between Senator Cannon, Allen Dorfman, and Roy Williams. Webbe, who waited outside the Senator's office during the meeting, was asked what occurred when the three men emerged from the office. Webbe testified before

the grand jury: "I got introduced to the Senator . . . and that was it."

On the second day before the grand jury, Webbe was confronted with a recording of a conversation he had with Allen Dorfman and Don Peters on May 21, 1979. The conversation, which occurred in Dorfman's office, concerned the January 10 meeting with Senator Cannon in Las Vegas. The conversers were overheard saying:

DORFMAN: Well, the only bad part about the whole thing see if we had said to him, well let's look into it, you know, because now it's really not under the custody and control of the fund anymore, and so on and so forth. But Roy Williams just unequivocally came right out and says, you got the property Senator, don't worry about it. It's our property, you own it. You got a commitment from him.

WEBBE: You take care of your end.

DORFMAN: And I turned to Roy, cause he verified it the other day, I said Roy, we made a firm commitment to this guy. This wasn't an if-come deal. I said if it's gonna be an if-come deal, you tell a guy it's an if-come deal, and he can conduct himself accordingly. I said, but we made a firm commitment. And even when we were walking out of his office, and after he said you know that, uh, I, uh, . . . gee . . . I hope I have a series of different items that he wanted, you know, to help him on the, on the deregulation. And then so on . . . no, you were standing there.

WEBBE: I was there.

DORFMAN: And, uh, you'll have everything, and he says and you fellows will take care of

that property thing? Don't worry about it's all taken care of.

WEBBE: Roy said you take care of your end and we'll take care of our end for you.

DORFMAN: That's right.

Confronted with this conversation and again asked what occurred when the January 10 meeting ended, Webbe testified before the grand jury: "I think they said, 'Bring up some points,' or something like that, 'or some ideas that you have,' . . ."

On Webbe's fourth and last day before the grand jury, he was again confronted with the May 21 recording. The prosecutor then elicited the following testimony:

> Q. Now, we have been over this a few times, Mr. Webbe, but just so I have it clear, isn't it fair to say that a summary of this conversation, so we all know what you talked about, was that upon exiting, Cannon indicated to Dorfman, "You fellows will take care of that property thing," and Allen replied, "Don't worry about it. It is all taken care of.
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> A. That's correct, sir.
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> Q. That is when Roy said, "You take care of your end, and we'll take care of ours," correct?
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> A. That's correct.
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> Q. Then the Senator went on and said about the deregulation, "You give me some of your input, and we can come around and work this thing out together."
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> A. Yes.
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> Q. And you are indicating, I believe, by "working this thing out together," that at that point in time it was your understanding that Senator Cannon was referring to deregulation.
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> A. Yes, sir, I think it was stated in that tape that they were talking about that.

This last quoted grand-jury testimony was introduced as substantive evidence at trial. It was admitted after Webbe testified at trial that, to the best of his memory, the only thing said when Williams and Dorfman left Senator Cannon's office on January 10 was the Senator's request for the others "to get back with some input on the deregulation." The defendants argue that Webbe's grand-jury and trial testimonies are consistent and thus the district court erred in admitting, pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 801(d)(1)(A), the grand-jury testimony as substantive evidence.

The principle of law embodied in Rule 801(d)(1)(A) appears clear on its face—a trial witness's grand-jury testimony is not hearsay (and admissible substantively) if it is inconsistent with his trial testimony. As long as people speak in nonmathematical languages such as English, however, it will be difficult to determine precisely whether two statements are inconsistent. But we do not read the word "inconsistent" in Rule 801(d)(1)(a) to include only statements diametrically opposed or logically incompatible. Inconsistency "may be found in evasive answers, . . . silence, or changes in positions." *United States v. Dennis*, 625 F.2d 782, 795 (8th Cir. 1980). In addition, a purported change in memory can produce "inconsistent" answers. *See United States v. Distler*, 671 F.2d 954, 958 (6th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 454 U.S. 827 (1981). Particularly in a case of manifest reluctance to testify, *see United States v. Thompson*, 708 F.2d 1294, 1302 (8th Cir. 1983), "if a witness has testified to [certain] facts before a grand jury and forgets . . . them at trial, his grand jury testimony . . . falls squarely within Rule 801(d)(1)(A)." *United States v. Marchand*, 564 F.2d 983, 999 (2d Cir. 1977),*cert. denied*, 434 U.S. 1015 (1978). In view of the multitude of factors, a district court's ruling under Rule 801(d)(1)(A) will be disturbed only if an abuse of discretion. *See United States v. Distler*, 671 F.2d 954, 958 (6th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 454 U.S. 827 (1981).

We hold that the district court did not err, and did not abuse its discretion, in finding Webbe's trial and grand-

jury testimonies inconsistent. At trial Webbe's memory of the January 10 conversation outside Senator Cannon's office was limited, vague, and not inculpatory. A fair reading of the admitted grand-jury testimony, by contrast, indicates that Webbe recalled Senator Cannon saying, "You fellows will take care of that property thing," and Dorfman replying, "Don't worry about it. It is all taken care of." The defendants attempt a reconciliation by asserting that Webbe's brief answers before the grand jury were not statements about what was said on January 10 but, rather, affirmations that the May 21 recording indicates that Senator Cannon and Dorfman made such remarks. Two items persuade us that the defendants are mistaken. First, the prosecutor's questions before the grand jury contain phrases such as "That is when Roy *said*," and "Then the Senator went on and *said*."[7] The prosecutor was not asking about what was heard on the May 21 tape, but what was "said" outside Senator Cannon's office. Second, Webbe's grand-jury testimony immediately prior to that introduced at trial confirms that Webbe was recalling the events of January 10, not the words on the May 21 recording:

> Q. Mr. Webbe, on this tape you heard your voice acknowledge, did you not, the fact that Senator Cannon said, "And you fellows will take care of that property thing," and Alan [sic] saying, "Don't worry about it. It's all taken care of."
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> Did you hear that?
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> A. Yes, sir, I heard that.
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> Q. And that was also part of the conversation that occurred on January 10th as these three individuals exited Senator Cannon's office, isn't that true?
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> A. I believe it was.

[7] Answers are within Rule 801(d)(1)(A) even if elicited by means of leading questions. *United States v. Dennis*, 625 F.2d 782, 795 (8th Cir. 1980); *United States v. Champion International Corp.*, 557 F.2d 1270, 1274 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 434 U.S. 938 (1977).

> Q. There's no doubt that as of that part of the conversation that Senator Cannon was referring to a piece of property which you came to learn was the Wonder World property, isn't that true?
>
> A. That's correct, sir.

At times before the grand jury Webbe did, in fact, only acknowledge what he heard on the May 21 recording. The defendants have no basis, however, to assert that the grand-jury testimony read at trial was unrepresentative or taken out of context. Defense counsel declined the district court's invitation, *see* Fed. R. Evid. 106, to designate a larger portion of the grand-jury testimony to be read by the prosecutor. We know of no independent duty of an examiner of a reluctant witness, *see supra* pp. 19-22, to introduce prior consistent testimony along with inconsistent testimony. Moreover, defense counsel were free to question Webbe about the meaning of his answers before the grand jury and, in the process, to introduce prior consistent testimony, *see* Fed. R. Evid. 801(d)(1)(b).

Noting that Webbe's initial grand-jury testimony was consistent with his trial testimony, and asserting that the district court's ruling was incompatible with the rationale of Rule 801(d)(1)(A), the defendants quote the following remark from the Notes of the Advisory Committee:

> "In many cases, the inconsistent statement is more likely to be true than the testimony of the witness at the trial because it is made nearer in time to the matter to which it relates and is less likely to be influenced by the controversy that gave rise to the litigation." (quoting California Evidence Code § 1235).

However, the defendants fail to quote a comment, in the same paragraph, that the Rule " 'will provide a party with desirable protection against the "turncoat" witness who changes his story on the stand and deprives the party calling him of evidence essential to his case.' " In light of the fact that Webbe spoke with defense counsel seven or eight times after testifying before the grand jury but never with the government, which would not agree to

Webbe's conditions for a meeting, we have little doubt that the latter rationale fully applied in this case.

Finally, we find no fault with the manner of the district court's ruling. After Dorfman's counsel stood to express his opinion that Webbe's grand-jury testimony concerned the contents of the May 21 recording, the court responded: "I do not agree with that, sir, with all due respect to you. It is with regard to what occurred on January 10th." This response was invited by trial counsel who did not, either at the time or after the jury was excused, state an objection to the court's comment. We will not now isolate one comment from the lengthy trial to find a prejudicial error where none was recognized below.[8]

B.

The May 21 recording, which prompted Webbe's grand-jury testimony, was itself admitted in evidence against the defendants as statements of co-conspirators, *see* Fed. R. Evid. 801(d)(2)(E). In this recording, Dorfman and Webbe are overheard informing Don Peters about an unfulfilled "commitment" to sell Senator Cannon a piece of Pension Fund property for $1,400,000. Dorfman expresses his frustration with Roy Williams, who also made the commitment, and the Pension Fund trustees who would not adequately pressure Palmieri. *See also supra* pp. 20-21.

After reviewing this recording, the district court found that "Mr. Dorfman is trying to get Peters to intervene to get something done." If this finding is justified, Dorfman's and Webbe's expressions were admissible as statements "in furtherance of the conspiracy," Fed. R. Evid. 801(d)(2)(E); *see United States v. Bentley*, 706 F.2d 1498, 1506 (8th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 107 (1983), and were not simply idle chatter, *see, e.g., United States v.*

[8] We also find no error in the district court's admission under Rule 801(d)(1)(A) of Webbe's grand-jury testimony concerning the length of the January 10 meeting.

Moore, 522 F.2d 1068, 1077 (9th Cir. 1975), *cert. denied*, 423 U.S. 1049 (1976). The defendants ask us to examine the district court's finding and we will, but our review is governed by the clearly-erroneous standard. *See United States v. Aguirre*, 716 F.2d 293, 298 (5th Cir. 1983); *United States v. Arruda*, 715 F.2d 671, 684 (1st Cir. 1983); *United States v. Romano*, 684 F.2d 1057, 1066 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 103 S. Ct. 376 (1982).

We cannot term clearly erroneous the finding that Dorfman impliedly sought Don Peters' assistance. From what we know about Peters, described as a former Pension Fund trustee and one of the most important Teamsters in the Chicago area, he could have succeeded where Williams and the trustees had failed. Moreover, the May 21 conversation reveals that Peters was not ignorant of Senator Cannon's role in deregulation or Dorfman's associations with the Senator. Near the beginning of the recording, Peters, referring to Senator Cannon, states, "He took care of deregulation, didn't he?" Later in the conversation Peters and Dorfman talk about asking the Senator for "another favor." And, when Dorfman and Webbe cannot recall when the commitment to Senator Cannon was made, Peters reminds them that it was in "January, because _____ and I were there." In addition, the context of the May 21 discussion supports the district court's finding. Immediately after talking with Senator Cannon on the telephone and telling him that the Wonderworld deal was still alive, Dorfman began informing Peters of the "commitment." Subsequently, in the midst of bringing Peters up to date, Dorfman called Bjornsen, the Senator's son-in-law, and discussed a renewed offer to be made to Palmieri. Indeed, Dorfman's implied request for assistance did produce a suggestion from Peters that a group of Las Vegas Teamsters buy Wonderworld from the Pension Fund. This suggestion evoked laughter from Dorfman but not, as far as we can perceive from listening to the tape, because it was a joke. Rather Dorfman considered the idea too creative or complex for the Teamsters. "Don, the only problem Don is that that's what you and I could do."

Our conclusion that the May 21 conversation was admissible as co-conspirators' statements, coupled with no further Rule 801(d)(2)(E) challenge, disposes of the defendants' claim under the confrontation clause of the Sixth Amendment. *See United States v. Xheka*, 704 F.2d 974, 987 n.7 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 486 (1983); *United States v. Kendall*, 665 F.2d 126, 133 (7th Cir. 1981), *cert. denied*, 455 U.S. 1021 1982); *United States v. Papia*, 560 F.2d 827, 836 n.3 (7th Cir. 1977); *United States v. Isaacs*, 493 F.2d 1124, 1161 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 417 U.S. 976 (1974). It should be plain to litigants that absent very persuasive reasons to overrule these cases, or a command from a higher authority, challenges to co-conspirators' statements should be based on the requirements of Rule 801(d)(2)(E), not on the Sixth Amendment.

C.

The final evidentiary question concerns only Roy Williams. The district court ruled that the results of Williams' two ex parte polygraph tests were inadmissible and, in the process, denied Williams leave to present foundation evidence about the examinations. The district court's decision was based on two grounds. First, the court stated that "assuming, arguendo, validity to the theory of automatic response to stress occasioned by deception, the authorities in the area recognize as most unreliable ex parte, secret polygraph examinations, the likes of which Mr. Williams underwent here." Second, the court, noting that the test results could be admitted only to bolster Williams' credibility, declared, "[I]t is my judgment that it is far better that that credibility be resolved by the jury than by a polygraph examiner."

Before addressing Williams' contention that the district court erred, and responding to his plea for fundamental fairness, we question whether the admission of the polygraph results would have positively influenced the jury's view of Williams' credibility. At trial Williams testified that as the meeting in Senator Cannon's office on January 10, 1979, was ending, the Senator said, "Thanks

Allen. I believe that I will make a bid on that property." According to Williams, Dorfman then remarked, "We'll do everything that we can to see that you get a fair shot at purchasing the property." Williams further testified that he shortly thereafter learned that the property discussed in the Senator's office was the Wonderworld land. At his initial polygraph examination, however, Williams was asked: "At that meeting on January 10, 1979, did anyone in your presence discuss the Wonderworld property?" He answered, "No." This answer plainly does not square with Williams' trial testimony and thus, we surmise, he should be pleased that the test results were excluded. Nevertheless, we must consider Williams' legal challenge to the district court's ruling.

It is clear that the decision to exclude polygraph evidence is "within the sound discretion of the trial judge." *United States v. Rumell*, 642 F.2d 213, 215 (7th Cir. 1981). What we mean by the term "discretion" is less clear. To say that a decision is committed to the district court's discretion could mean that the trial judge's ruling is unreviewable on appeal. *See* R. Dworkin, *Taking Rights Seriously* 31-32 (1977). We have not, *see, e.g., United States v. Feldman*, 711 F.2d 758, 767 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 352 (1983), and will not go that far in the context of a ruling on polygraph evidence. We will observe, however, that not all discretionary matters are of the same ilk. Certain judgments, such as the length of a criminal sentence, *see United States v. Torres*, No. 83-1083, slip op. at 23 (7th Cir. May 1, 1984), command more deference than other discretionary decisions, *see, e.g., Coyne—Delany Co. v. Capital Development Board of Illinois*, 717 F.2d 385, 392 (7th Cir. 1983) (damages on an injunction bond).

A district court's decision concerning polygraph results deserves considerable deference. *See United States v. Black*, 684 F.2d 481, 483 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 103 S. Ct. 463 (1982). Indeed, Williams cites no case from this circuit, or any other circuit, that reverses a district court's decision refusing to admit such evidence. Because this evi-

dentiary question turns on a complex and imprecise balancing of factors, *see United States v. Bursten*, 560 F.2d 779, 785 (7th Cir. 1977) (factors include accuracy, relevance, and prejudice), an appellant's burden is heavy to convince us that a reversible error occurred.

Viewed in this light, we hold that the district court did not abuse its discretion in excluding the results of Williams' two ex parte polygraph examinations. The district court's distrust of ex parte tests was rational; we expressed the same view in *United States v. Feldman*, 711 F.2d 758, 767 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 352 (1983). There is, however, a study that suggests our distrust is unfounded, *see* Raskin, Bardland & Podlesny, *Validity And Reliability of Detection of Deception*, National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (June 1978). But because Williams did not present this study to the district court, he is in no position to find fault with that court's reasoning. Moreover, the district judge's preference for the jury to decide credibility questions was entirely appropriate and in accord with our prior decisions.[9] *See United States v. Rumell*, 642 F.2d 213, 215 (7th Cir. 1981).

IV.

Early one morning near the end of the trial, five jurors received telephone calls at their homes. The caller identified himself as a "representative" of "concerned citizens" and referred to the trial. Each juror promptly hung up the telephone but, in four instances the caller mentioned Allen Dorfman's name, in one case the caller urged Dorfman's conviction, and in one other call the unidentified

[9] An argument also unique to Williams is that the district court should have granted his motion for a severance on the ground that prejudicial evidence "spilled over." To the extent that evidence was not admitted against Williams, the jury was so instructed. We find no abuse of discretion. *See United States v. Moschiano*, 695 F.2d 236, 245 (7th Cir. 1982), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 110 (1983).

"representative" mentioned the word "hoodlums." In light of these contacts, the defendants contend that the district court was required to grant a mistrial or, at least, to excuse the five contacted jurors.

Not every improper ex parte contact with jurors requires a mistrial. *See United States v. Fleming*, 594 F.2d 598, 608 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 442 U.S. 931 (1979); *see also United States v. Norton*, 700 F.2d 1072, 1076 (6th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 103 S. Ct. 1885 (1983). Our system of justice has not delegated to every reprobate the power to effect a mistrial. A trial may proceed if the court, after considering factors such as the communication's nature, the jurors' responses, and the curative ability of instructions, *see Sher v. Stoughton*, 666 F.2d 791, 795 (2d Cir. 1981), finds that the jury can (and will) remain impartial and render a verdict based solely on the evidence, not the improper contact. This finding is essentially one of fact, *see Rushen v. Spain*, 104 S. Ct. 453, 456 (1983), and is reviewable under the clearly-erroneous standard.[10] *See Owen v. Duckworth*, 727 F.2d 643, 646 (7th Cir. 1984).

Pursuant to an agreement between the parties, the district court questioned the five contacted jurors in chambers. The court asked each juror to describe the call, whether the call would affect his or her ability to be an impartial juror, and whether he or she could disregard the call and confine deliberations to the evidence, the lawyers' arguments, and the instructions. Transcripts of the questioning were provided to defense counsel who, subsequently, moved for a mistrial. In denying that motion, the district court stated:

> I observed the demeanor of all five of these people. I looked them in the eye as I questioned them. I had the advantage, or perhaps disadvantage, of having

[10] Given the secrecy of jury deliberations, a prediction of impartiality is virtually the same as a post-verdict finding to the same effect. If, however, the court finds adequate reasons to doubt its prediction, the options of a new trial or post-conviction relief are available.

> talked to them twice today on the subject, so I was interviewing them from some notes. I am confident that they are being truthful, candid and honorable with us when they say they can put these experiences out of their mind and decide the case solely on the basis of the evidence that they hear in the courtroom, the arguments of the lawyers and the instructions, and that they will not discuss the experience with their fellow jurors. I am totally confident of that.

There was ample basis for the district court's belief. The district judge observed and worked with the jury, which he labeled "truly extraordinary," for many weeks. He observed the jurors as they described the calls and their reactions. We may not, as the defendants request, disregard jurors' statements as inevitably suspect. *See Smith v. Phillips*, 455 U.S. 209, 217 n.7 (1982); *United States v. Fleming*, 594 F.2d 598, 608 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 442 U.S. 931 (1979). Moreover, we will not hold that the communications involved inherently or necessarily prejudicial remarks. Threats were not made and at most one juror heard a comment urging a guilty verdict, something properly heard from the prosecutor at trial. If more need be mentioned, we only note that throughout the lengthy trial the jurors diligently followed instructions, justifying the district court's observation, "I just think that they are going to abide my instructions."

The defendants focus special attention on juror Heller, who stated that she was unnerved by the call. What we wrote in the preceding paragraph, however, applies with equal force to juror Heller. Furthermore, the district judge remarked, "She was very composed when she was with me," and "I think what she is telling us is that she is distressed by the fact that someone would call her like that and would jeopardize her position in this case." The district court thus did not err in retaining Ms. Heller on the jury.[11]

[11] The district court did, on motion of the defendants, excuse one contacted juror.

In addition to assessing the impact of an improper contact, the district court has "broad discretion to remedy prejudicial influences." *United States v. Verkuilen*, 690 F.2d 648, 658 (7th Cir. 1982). These discretionary tasks include, among other things, issuing instructions and granting severances. In this case the defendants contend that the district court abused its discretion when the court, after granting the government's motion to sequester the jury, told the jury of its reasoning.

Having reviewed the district court's statements, we cannot agree with the defendants. The district judge informed the jury that five jurors had received telephone calls of a similar nature. The judge further told the jury that he was convinced that no one connected with this case had anything to do with the calls. Finally, he told the jury that the caller did not pose a threat, but was simply a "crank." We believe that the district court's forthrightness prevented doubts and rumors that can be more prejudicial than truth. And by being frank and informing the jurors that the caller was not associated with the parties, the district court acted to avoid a very alarming possibility—a juror secretly learning of the calls and forming mistaken impressions, *see Owen v. Duckworth*, 727 F.2d 643, 648 (7th Cir. 1984).

V.

From the district court's jury instructions, the defendants select one to challenge:

> [A] scheme to deprive the Central States Pension Fund and its agent Victor Palmieri Company of information material to a decision which Victor Palmieri Company was required to make as a fiduciary and exclusive management agent of the Pension Fund also comes within the meaning of a "scheme or artifice to defraud."

Lombardo's counsel objected to this instruction on the ground that "[s]ix of them [jurors] may think that . . .

Palmieri was to be deprived of one set of information, and six may think that it was another set of information." To understand the import of this objection, which is renewed in the form of an argument on appeal, we must relate some aspects of the instruction conference.

When Lombardo's counsel stated his objection, the prosecutor responded that the instruction was taken directly from *United States v. Bush*, 522 F.2d 641 (7th Cir. 1975), *cert. denied*, 424 U.S. 977 (1976). Indeed in *Bush* we explicitly approved the instruction challenged in the instant case. *See* 522 F.2d at 651 n.10. On the basis of this precedent, the district court overruled the objection, but accepted an additional instruction from Lombardo that particularized the *Bush* instruction. *See infra* pp. 34-35. It is plain that Lombardo's objection found the wrong target. Counsel had no basis to challenge the district court's correct statement of wire-fraud law, *see United States v. Barta*, 635 F.2d 999, 1006 (2d Cir. 1980), *cert. denied*, 450 U.S. 998 (1981); rather counsel was asserting that the court's instructions were insufficient to ensure a unanimous verdict. But our review of the record and the briefs discloses no objection to the court's instruction on unanimity[12] and no alternative instruction tendered by the defendants. We would thus be justified in holding that the argument being made on appeal—that the instructions were insufficient to ensure a unanimous verdict—was waived. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 30. In the interest of justice we will not go that far but, to the extent that the court's instructions involved discretion, our review will be tempered by the lack of a properly directed objection.

A common tool to guarantee a unanimous verdict is the indictment. An indictment charging only one offense in

[12] The district court instructed the jury: "Take the forms to the jury room and when you have reached unanimous agreement on your several verdicts, you fill in and sign the verdict form. . . . Your verdicts, whether they be guilty or not guilty, must be unanimous."

a single count guards against a conviction on a less than unanimous verdict. *See United States v. Berardi*, 675 F.2d 894, 899 (7th Cir. 1982). In the context of a proper indictment, " '[i]t is assumed that a general instruction on the requirement of unanimity suffices to instruct the jury that they must be unanimous on whatever specifications they find to be the predicate of the guilty verdict.' " *United States v. Murray*, 618 F.2d 892, 898 (2d Cir. 1980) (quoting *United States v. Natelli*, 527 F.2d 311, 325 (2d Cir. 1975), *cert. denied*, 425 U.S. 934 (1976)); *see also United States v. Ferris*, 719 F.2d 1405, 1407 (9th Cir. 1983). In the instant case, the indictment (Counts III to XI) did charge only one offense per count—one scheme to defraud the Pension Fund of the loyal services of O'Malley. *See United States v. Dorfman*, 532 F. Supp. at 1128. From the point of view of the charges, therefore, we cannot conclude that the court's general instruction on unanimity was deficient.

The defendants do not cite, yet appear to rely on the logic of *United States v. Gipson*, 553 F.2d 453 (5th Cir. 1977), which held that the unanimous-verdict requirement connotes some agreement as to what the defendant did, not just that the defendant is guilty of a crime. *Gipson* did not require unanimous agreement about all details, only that the defendant did some act within a certain "conceptual grouping." *See id.* at 458-59. Since *Gipson*, courts have not precisely defined the phrase "conceptual grouping," but seem eager to hold that different acts are within the same grouping. *See, e.g., Lampkins v. Gagnon*, 710 F.2d 374, 377 (7th Cir. 1983), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 729 (1984); *United States v. Sutherland*, 656 F.2d 1181, 1202 (5th Cir. 1981), *cert. denied*, 455 U.S. 949 (1982).

Assuming, arguendo, that *Gipson* has some validity in this circuit, several factors lead us to conclude that in the present case the jury agreed on facts within the same genus. At defense counsel's suggestion, the district court followed the challenged instruction with: "It is for you to decide whether the government has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. O'Malley failed to disclose any

facts to the Pension Fund and Victor Palmieri Company and, if so, whether the facts were material." This focused the jury's attention on O'Malley, and the indictment alleged only one material nondisclosure—the failure to tell Palmieri of O'Malley's activities in "causing the withdrawal of bids on the Wonderworld property."

In the final analysis, "only common sense and intuition can define the specificity with which the jury must describe the defendant's conduct before it convicts." Note, *Right to Jury Unanimity on Material Fact Issues*, 91 Harv. L. Rev. 499, 502 (1977). That common sense and intuition, in turn, is informed by the circumstances of the case and the arguments of the parties. In the absence of an appropriate unanimity instruction tendered by the defendants, we will not reverse the convictions on the ground of faulty instruction.[13] *See United States v. Pavloski*, 574 F.2d 933, 936 (7th Cir. 1978).

VI.

Joseph Lombardo maintains that his convictions must be reversed for insufficient evidence. Extracting from Lombardo's brief the core of his argument, we find the assertion that the government did not sufficiently prove (1) his knowledge of the conspiracy, and (2) his intent that O'Malley would fail to disclose material facts to the Pension Fund and Palmieri.

A person is not a co-conspirator, of course, if he is unaware of the "essential nature" of the conspiracy. *United States v. Fellabaum*, 408 F.2d 220, 224 (7th Cir. 1969); *see United States v. Annoreno*, 460 F.2d 1303, 1309 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 409 U.S. 852 (1972). The requisite knowledge may be established by circumstantial evidence

[13] We also reject the argument that the district court erred in instructing the jury that O'Malley "had a duty to disclose and not to conceal" facts material to the decisions of the Pension Fund and its agent, Palmieri.

or inferred from basic facts. *See United States v. Zuideveld*, 316 F.2d 873, 878 (7th Cir. 1963). Indeed, the quantum of proof that the government must produce is not great; "[p]resence has been sufficient evidence of knowing participation in a conspiracy when there were suspicious circumstances, and the existence of the conspiracy was already established." *United States v. Dalzotto*, 603 F.2d 642, 645 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 444 U.S. 994 (1979); *see United States v. Holmes*, 452 F.2d 249, 255-56 (7th Cir. 1971), *cert. denied*, 405 U.S. 1016 (1972).

We find ample evidence to support the jury's conclusion that Lombardo was not an unwitting dupe, but a knowledgeable co-conspirator. A recording of a telephone conversation on January 30, 1979, plainly establishes that Lombardo selected two men associated with the Pension Fund, O'Malley and Massa, to travel to California to convince Glick to withdraw his Wonderworld bid. The trip succeeded and Lombardo was so informed on February 2, 1979. In a telephone conversation on that date William Webbe told Lombardo that Glick was willing to withdraw and, in fact, only bid on the property after Palmieri "brought it to him." Lombardo expressed satisfaction and directed Webbe to "stay right on top of it."

Lombardo's knowledge of the purpose of O'Malley and Massa's trip—to assure that Senator Cannon's group was the sole bidder on Wonderworld—may be inferred from several facts. In the conversation of February 2, Webbe told Lombardo: "I will let you . . . know out there the minute everything is completed." If Lombardo is interested in the outcome of his efforts, a reasonable jury could infer that Lombardo knows the objective of his work. Furthermore, it is unlikely that Webbe and Dorfman would have solicited and relied on the advice of Lombardo, who termed himself "an old time general," without informing Lombardo of the conspiracy's objective. In addition, Lombardo and Dorfman were overheard on May 17, 1979, discussing how the Pension Fund's asset managers were independent from the Teamster leaders. Lombardo stated, "You got a, you got an example with

Palmieri. With the Cannon deal." Finally, having listened to the pertinent recordings and heard the alacrity of Lombardo's comments, we do not hesitate to hold that the jury justifiably found Lombardo fully informed.

That the word "deregulation" was not used in Lombardo's conversations is of no moment. A co-conspirator need not know the details, *see United States v. Alvarez*, 625 F.2d 1196, 1198 (5th Cir. 1980) (en banc), *cert. denied*, 451 U.S. 938 (1981), or every objective of the conspiracy, *see United States v. Frans*, 697 F.2d 188, 190 n.1 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 104 S. Ct. 104 (1983). Knowledge of the conspiracy's essential nature, *see United States v. Fellabaum*, 408 F.2d 220, 224 (7th Cir. 1969), or the "kind of criminal conduct . . . in fact contemplated," *United States v. Gallishaw*, 428 F.2d 760, 763 n.1 (2d Cir. 1970), is sufficient. As noted above, the government adequately proved knowledge of a plan to offer a "thing of value" to Senator Cannon and, from the secretive nature of the operation (Lombardo told Webbe over the phone, "Just don't mention names"), the jury could infer that Lombardo knew the favor was intended "to influence an[ ] official act." 18 U.S.C. § 201(b)(1).[14]

From our analysis of the conspiracy evidence, it follows that the jury could properly infer Lombardo's intent that O'Malley not disclose material facts to Palmieri. The plan to bribe the Senator demanded secrecy. Had O'Malley told Palmieri of his efforts to secure the withdrawal of Glick's $1,600,000 bid, the conspiracy and fraudulent scheme would have collapsed even sooner than it eventually did.[15]

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[14] There was sufficient evidence, in any event, to support the jury finding that Lombardo was aware of the intent of the co-conspirators to influence Senator Cannon's actions on deregulation.

[15] Lombardo also makes the "constitutional" argument that the trial was too complex for the jury to understand and counsel to render effective assistance. To accept this argument, we would have to rewrite several chapters of any constitutional-law treatise. This we decline to do.

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VII.

After sentencing, the defendants filed motions for a new trial based on newly discovered evidence, *see* Fed. R. Crim. P. 33. The defendants' "newly discovered evidence" consisted of former F.B.I. agent H. Edward Tickel's affidavit, which states that prior to obtaining any Title III authorization, he participated in two surreptitious entries into the offices of Allen Dorfman's Amalgamated Insurance Agency. The defendants contend that Tickel's allegations, if true, warrant suppression of the evidence obtained through electronic surveillance. The district court, without holding an evidentiary hearing, denied the new-trial motions. We could affirm on any of several grounds, but will select the most obvious one—the defendants' lack of standing.

Standing analysis is, in essence, a bipartite inquiry: who is a proper party to urge suppression of a piece of evidence, and whose rights may a proper party assert? Because the defendants' conversations were overheard and recorded, they are proper parties to maintain that the tapes should be suppressed. *See* 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510(11), 2518(10)(a). The defendants reach an insurmountable obstacle, however, when the nature of their suppression argument is considered and the person whose rights were allegedly violated is identified.

Tickel, according to his affidavit, did not enter any of the defendants' offices; he was only in Amalgamated Insurance Agency's exterior lobbies and corridors, the alarm room, and the frame room. *United States v. Williams*, 565 F. Supp. 353, 361 (1983). The district court found, and the defendants do not challenge, that no defendant "used the areas searched in any way that created a legitimate expectation of privacy." *Id.* at 362; *see also United States v. Alewelt*, 532 F.2d 1165, 1168 (7th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 429 U.S. 840 (1976). Tickel's alleged searches did violate Allen Dorfman's rights but these searches, which the defendants contend mandate suppression of the electronic evidence, "did not infringe *their* fourth amendment rights." 565 F. Supp. at 362 (emphasis added).

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Under both Fourth Amendment principles, *see United States v. Payner*, 447 U.S. 727, 731 (1980), and Title III law, *see United States v. Fury*, 554 F.2d 522, 525 (2d Cir. 1977), *cert. denied*, 436 U.S. 931 (1978), a defendant may not obtain the exclusion of evidence on the ground that someone else's rights were violated. In other words, a defendant may assert only his own rights. Consequently, a defendant may not successfully challenge the admissibility of evidence on the basis that the evidence is tainted (or "the fruit of") some past infringement of another's rights. *See United States v. Williams*, 580 F.2d 578, 583 n.21 (D.C. Cir.) (Title III case), *cert. denied*, 439 U.S. 832 (1978); *United States v. Wright*, 524 F.2d 1100, 1102 (2d Cir. 1975) (same); *see also United States v. Chase*, 692 F.2d 69, 70 (9th Cir. 1982) (Fourth Amendment standing law); *United States v. Hansen*, 652 F.2d 1374, 1386-87 (10th Cir. 1981) (same). In this case, the defendants would not have a constitutional cause of action against Tickel for his two searches of Amalgamated Insurance Agency, and we will not, for purposes of the exclusionary rule, permit an indirect attack where no direct challenge is possible.

Furthermore, *United States v. Payner*, 447 U.S. 727 (1980), precludes the invocation of our supervisory powers. In *Payner* this Court held that a federal court may not "use its supervisory power to suppress evidence tainted by gross illegalities that did not infringe the defendant's constitutional rights." *Id.* at 733. We will not permit an end run around *Payner* by holding, as the defendants request, that the government's failure to inform the Title III authorizing court of Tickel's searches was a material omission, *see generally supra* p. 14, requiring suppression.

Finally, we disagree with the defendants that, assuming Tickel's allegations are true, the district court was required to reverse its earlier finding of no *Franks* violation, *see supra* pp. 10-15. The Tickel affidavit is simply not that probative of whether the government made intentional or reckless misrepresentations in the March 1,

1979, Title III application. Indeed, an overzealous government agent might be less likely to doubt the truth of criminal allegations than a detached investigator. In any event, we will not rule that the district court abused its discretion, *see United States v. Oliver*, 683 F.2d 224, 228 (7th Cir. 1982), in refusing to reverse its earlier *Franks* ruling.

VIII.

For the reasons expressed in this opinion, the judgments of conviction and the order denying the new trial are affirmed.

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APPENDIX B

Opinion by Judge Eschbach

JUDGMENT—ORAL ARGUMENT

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
For the Seventh Circuit
Chicago, Illinois 60604

June 8, 1984

Before

Hon. Jesse E. Eschbach, Circuit Judge
Hon. Richard A. Posner, Circuit Judge
Hon. John L. Coffey, Circuit Judge

Nos. 83-1642, 83-1643, 83-1644, 83-1660, 83-2206, 83-2207, 83-2208, 83-2229

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

ROY L. WILLIAMS, THOMAS F. O'MALLEY, ANDREW G. MASSA, JOSEPH LOMBARDO,

Defendants-Appellants.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.
No. 81 CR 269
Judge Prentice Marshall

This cause was heard on the record from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED by this Court that the judgment of the said District Court in this cause appealed from be, and the same is hereby AFFIRMED, in accordance with the opinion of this Court filed this date.

APPENDIX C

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
For the Seventh Circuit
Chicago, Illinois 60604

July 12, 1984.

Before

Hon. Jesse E. Eschbach, Circuit Judge
Hon. Richard A. Posner, Circuit Judge
Hon. John L. Coffey, Circuit Judge

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83-2206, 83-2207, 83-2208, 83-2229

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ROY L. WILLIAMS, THOMAS F. O'MALLEY,
Andrew G. Massa, Joseph Lombardo,

Defendants-Appellants.

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Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.
No. 81 CR 269
Prentice H. Marshall, Judge.

ORDER

On consideration of the petitions for rehearing and suggestion for rehearing en banc filed in the above-entitled cause by

defendants-appellants, O'Malley, Massa and Lombardo, and in which defendant-appellant Williams joined (as to the petition filed by O'Malley and Massa), no judge* in active service has requested a vote thereon and all the judges on the original panel have voted to deny a rehearing. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the aforesaid petitions for rehearing be, and the same are hereby, DENIED.

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* Judge Harlington Wood, Jr. did not participate in the consideration of the petitions for rehearing with suggestions for rehearing en banc.

APPENDIX D

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALLEN M. DORFMAN, ROY M. WILLIAMS, JOSEPH LOMBARDO, THOMAS F. O'MALLEY, AND ANDREW G. MASSA, ALSO KNOWN AS AMOS MASSA,

Defendants.

No. 81 CR 269.

United States District Court,
N. D. Illinois, E. D.

June 1, 1982

MEMORANDUM OPINION

MARSHALL, District Judge.

Defendants are charged in an eleven count indictment with conspiracy to bribe a United States Senator in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 201(b)(1) and 371 (1976), travel in interstate commerce with intent to commit bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952 (1976), and nine separate counts of wire fraud stemming from an alleged scheme to defraud the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund ("Fund") of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen, and Helpers of America ("Teamsters") of the loyal services of two of the defendants, and attempting to obtain money and property by means of false pretenses in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (1976). On December 9, 1981 we denied defendants' motions to dismiss the indictment. *See United States v. Dorfman,* 532 F.Supp. 1118 (N.D.Ill.1981). That opinion describes in detail the nature and scope of the charges against the defendants and we will not repeat the description here except where particular facts are relevant.

Pending before the court are defendants' motions to suppress evidence obtained by the government through electronic surveillance. The surveillance, which extended over 14 months and produced more than 2000 reels of recordings, is the most pervasive of which we are aware. The motions are quite general but the briefs in support of them raise a plethora of statutory and constitutional contentions. All defendants have joined in the motions but they have filed separate briefs and supporting materials and occasionally press arguments relevant to only a single defendant. In general our decision on any given issue encompasses the arguments raised by all defendants; however, where necessary, we treat with particularity an argument raised by a single defendant or a discrete group of defendants.

The written materials submitted to the court by the defendants and the government consist of over 950 pages of briefs and over a thousand pages of supporting documents. In addition, 14 days of testimony was heard on certain issues.

While we have considered each brief and all the supporting material submitted by the parties, it would be both unnecessary and unworkable to respond to every question of fact and law joined by counsel. Our discussion will be restricted to those factual and legal issues necessary to resolve the questions set forth below. At the time of the evidentiary hearing we advised the parties that, on those issues, the only evidence upon which we would rely was the evidence offered and received at the hearing and not unproved allegations made by way of briefs or appendices.[1] We adhere to that position in rendering this decision.

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[1] Defendant Dorfman and defendants Williams and O'Malley submitted voluminous appendices along with their pre-trial briefs. Defendant Dorfman's material consists of three Appendices (labeled I, II, and III), each in multiple volumes. In deciding questions of law, where no hearing was held or evidence received, we cite to the appropriate document as contained in the material compiled by Dorfman, i.e., 1 App. I, Order of March 1 at _____. On those issues covered by the pretrial hearing, we rely only on the evidence submitted by the parties and therefore all cites will be to appropriate exhibit numbers.

I

The arguments pressed by defendants in support of their motions to suppress break down into three categories: the sufficiency of the applications to and orders of the court authorizing the electronic surveillance at Amalgamated Insurance Agency Services, Inc. ("Amalgamated") under the probable cause standard of the fourth amendment and Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510-2520 (1976 & Supp.II 1978) ("Title III"); the good faith of the government in the representations made to the authorizing judge for purposes of securing the original warrant and extensions;[2] and the government's compliance during the course of the electronic surveillance with the requirements of Title III.

Defendants attack the original application and order of January 29, 1979, as well as extension applications and orders issued on March 1, March 30, April 7 and April 28. The law with respect to the issue of probable cause, the allegations of government misconduct and compliance with Title III is of course the same for each time period. However, defendants' attack is predicated upon facts often peculiar to particular applications or orders. Thus, while we set forth a general discussion of the law below, we treat separately the issue of probable cause and the challenge to the government's good faith as to each application and order.

II

In late 1978, the United States Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("the government") initiated an investigation of Allen Dorfman ("Dorfman") under

[2] As is discussed in detail later in this opinion, on the issue of the government's good faith in submitting the applications and accompanying affidavits, or more accurately, the defendants' ability to demonstrate bad faith under the standards of *Franks v. Delaware*, 438 U.S. 154, 98 S.Ct. 2674, 57 L.Ed.2d 667 (1978), a hearing was granted as to the March 1 and 30 extension applications, but not the original application of January 29.

the code name "Pendorf."[3] As part of the investigation, the government applied to Chief Judge James B. Parsons of this court for authority, under Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, 18 U.S.C. §§2510-20 (1976 & Supp.II 1978), to place a wiretap on the telephones at Amalgamated, which was Dorfman's place of business. The application was made and granted on January 29, 1979. Under the wiretap order issued by Chief Judge Parsons, the government was required to return to the court every thirty days in order to obtain authority to extend the tap.[4]

Defendants challenge the validity of the original January 29 order, as well as the extensions granted by Chief Judge Parsons on March 1 and 30, 1979. Defendants also attack the validity of an April 7, 1979 order which allowed the tap to be expanded to an additional telephone line at Amalgamated, and which authorized the placement of electronic listening devices in the office of Dorfman and William Webbe, another employee of Amalgamated. Defendants do not specifically challenge the court orders which authorized electronic surveillance of Amalgamated after April 7, but do seek suppression of the results of the subsequent surveillance as fruits of a poisonous tree, *see generally Wong Sun v. United States,* 371 U.S. 471, 83 S.Ct. 407, 9 L.Ed.2d 441 (1963); 18 U.S.C. § 2515 (1976).

[1-4] Defendants' basic attack on the surveillance orders is on two fronts. First, they claim that the applications for the orders which are the equivalent of warrants, were facially insufficient, in that the affidavits submitted to the court did not recite facts sufficient to create probable cause to authorize electronic surveillance. Second, they claim that the affidavits and applications contain intentional and/or reckless material misrepresentations of fact which void the warrants and require that the evidence obtained through the surveillance be suppressed under the rule of *Franks v. Delaware,* 438 U.S. 154, 98

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[3] "Pendorf" was a contraction of Penetrate Dorfman.

[4] Under the statute, court orders may not authorize wiretaps lasting longer than thirty days. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 2518(5) (1976).

S.Ct. 2674, 57 L.Ed.2d 667 (1978).[5] Before addressing the particular contentions advanced by defendants, we review the principles which underlie them.

A

[5-10] It is now beyond question that the overhearing of conversations by means of electronic surveillance invades the expectations of privacy protected by the fourth amendment,

[5] Chief Judge Parsons' orders also required that progress reports be submitted to the court every five days, in order to apprise the court of the results obtained thus far, and to show the continued need for interception. Defendants attack these reports, arguing that they contain misrepresentations and do not provide probable cause to continue the taps. It is doubtful that we have the authority to review the reports. Title III does not require progress reports, and leaves their use to the discretion of the judge who authorized the taps. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 2518(6) (1976). In *In re DeMonte*, 674 F.2d 1169 at 1174 (7th Cir. 1982), the court stated that review of progress reports should be left solely to the authorizing judge. The court cited *United States v. Ianelli*, 430 F.Supp. 151, 156 (W.D.Pa.1977). In *Ianelli*, the court wrote that Title III

> makes no provision for the formal filing or presentation of the progress reports made to the supervising judge. It does not even require that they be written. It is our opinion that the supervising judge may handle these reports as he deems proper under the circumstances since they are merely aids in the overall supervision of the electronic surveillance. The reports are not statutorily required and the supervising judge is the proper party to determine whether they comply with his order permitting the telephone surveillance. Their sufficiency is a matter subject to the discretion of the supervising judge.

Id.

There is no statutory or constitutional requirement for the facial sufficiency of progress reports, so our review of them for sufficiency is impossible. Moreover, it is difficult if not impossible to determine whether misrepresentations in progress reports are material, since there is no requirement that progress reports be used at all, much less that they require termination of the tap if insufficient. While it is possible that egregious misrepresentations in progress reports might justify suppression under the court's supervisory power, *see generally United States v. Cortina*, 630 F.2d 1207 (7th Cir. 1980), suffice it to say we have found no such misrepresentations, and decline to further consider defendants' attacks on the reports. *See United States v. Scully*, 546 F.2d 255, 261-62 (9th Cir. 1976), *vacated on other grounds sub nom. Cabral v. United States*, 430 U.S. 902, 97 S.Ct. 1168, 50 L.Ed.2d 578 (1977).

and constitutes a "seizure" within the meaning of the amendment. *See Katz v. United States,* 389 U.S. 347, 351-53, 88 S.Ct. 507, 511-12, 19 L.Ed.2d 576 (1967). The fourth amendment requires that surveillance be authorized by a warrant issued by a neutral judicial officer. *See id.* at 354-59, 88 S.Ct. at 512-15; *Berger v. New York,* 388 U.S. 41, 54-55, 87 S.Ct. 1873, 1881-82, 18 L.Ed.2d 1040 (1967). This is because the Constitution demands that the difficult decision whether to invade the privacy interests protected by the fourth amendment should be made "by a neutral and detached magistrate instead of being judged by the officer engaged in the often competitive enterprise of ferreting out crime." *Johnson v. United States,* 333 U.S. 10, 14, 68 S.Ct. 367, 369, 92 L.Ed. 436 (1948). Consequently, interception of oral or telephonic communications by means of electronic surveillance which has not been authorized by a valid warrant must be suppressed under both Title III and the Constitution. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 2518(10) (Supp.II 1978); *Alderman v. United States,* 394 U.S. 165, 171, 89 S.Ct. 961, 965, 22 L.Ed.2d 176 (1969).[6]

[11-14] The text of the fourth amendment requires that warrants issue only upon "probable cause."[7] In order to determine whether the orders issued in this case were based on probable cause, we must review the applications and affidavits and determine whether they reveal facts and circumstances within the affiant's personal knowledge, or of which he had reasonably trustworthy information, sufficient to warrant a man of reasonable caution to believe that criminal activity was afoot.

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[6] However, the Constitution and § 2518(10) only permit an "aggrieved person" to suppress evidence. *See id.* 394 U.S. at 175 n.9, 89 S.Ct. at 968 n.9. This requires that the defendant seeking suppression be a party to the conversation the government seeks to use at trial, or that the conversation took place on his premises. *Id.* at 176-80, 89 S.Ct. at 968-70. To put it another way, a defendant may only suppress evidence which infringes his own expectation of privacy, and not the privacy of others. *See Rakas v. Illinois,* 439 U.S. 128, 99 S.Ct. 1035, 58 L.Ed.2d 387 (1978).

[7] "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." U.S. Const.Amend. IV.

Berger v. New York, 388 U.S. 41, 55, 87 S.Ct. 1873, 1881, 18 L.Ed.2d 1040 (1967); *McCray v. Illinois,* 386 U.S. 300, 304, 87 S.Ct. 1056, 1058-59, 18 L.Ed.2d 62 (1967); *Beck v. Ohio,* 379 U.S. 89, 96, 85 S.Ct. 223, 228, 13 L.Ed.2d 142 (1964); *Henry v. United States,* 361 U.S. 98, 102, 80 S.Ct. 168, 171, 4 L.Ed.2d 134 (1959). Probable cause is only a reasonable probability of criminal activity; it does not require certainty or even a prima facie showing of criminal activity. *Spinelli v. United States,* 393 U.S. 410, 419, 89 S.Ct. 584, 590, 21 L.Ed.2d 637 (1969). Accordingly, defendants' position, often expressed in their analysis of the affidavits and applications for orders, that the presence of innocent explanations for much of the information presented in the applications (*e.g.* innocent business explanations of long distance telephone calls between Amalgamated and Nevada gambling casinos) vitiates the warrants, must be rejected. Even if there is an innocent explanation, as long as there is a reasonable probability that there is criminal activity afoot, despite the presence of other possibilities, probable cause is present. *See, e.g., United States v. Anton,* 633 F.2d 1252, 1254 (7th Cir. 1980), *cert. denied,* 449 U.S. 1084, 101 S.Ct. 870, 66 L.Ed.2d 808 (1981); *United States v. McLemore,* 573 F.2d 1154, 1157 (10th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Fury,* 554 F.2d 522, 531 (2d Cir.) *cert. denied,* 433 U.S. 910, 97 S.Ct. 2978, 53 L.Ed.2d 1095 (1977).

[15, 16] The probable cause determination is made by examining only the four corners of the application and affidavits. "It is elementary that in passing on the validity of a warrant, the reviewing court may consider *only* information brought to the magistrate's attention." *Spinelli v. United States,* 393 U.S. 410, 413 n. 3, 89 S.Ct. 584, 587 n. 3, 21 L.Ed.2d 637 (1969) (emphasis in original) (quoting *Aguilar v. Texas,* 378 U.S. 108, 109 n. 1, 84 S.Ct. 1509, 1511 n.1, 12 L.Ed.2d 723 (1964)).[8] Furthermore, when making the determination, it is

[8] Since *Aguilar* and *Spinelli* seem to allow consideration of oral representations made to the issuing judge, on our motion we obtained transcripts of the colloquy between Judge Parsons and the government which occurred at the time applications were made, and made them available to defendants. This colloquy is also relevant on the *Franks v. Delaware* issues discussed below.

important to construe the affidavits in a realistic and non-technical manner. *United States v. Harris,* 403 U.S. 573, 579, 91 S.Ct. 2075, 2080, 29 L.Ed.2d 723 (1971) (plurality opinion).

> If the teachings of the Court's cases are to be followed and the constitutional policy served, affidavits for search warrants, such as the one involved here, must be tested and interpreted by magistrates and courts in a commonsense and realistic fashion. They are normally drafted by nonlawyers in the midst and haste of a criminal investigation. Technical requirements of elaborate specificity once exacted under common law pleadings have no proper place in this area. A grudging or negative attitude by reviewing courts toward warrants will tend to discourage police officers from submitting their evidence to a judicial officer before acting.

United States v. Ventresca, 380 U.S. 102, 108, 85 S.Ct. 741, 745, 13 L.Ed.2d 684 (1965).

In Title III Congress codified the probable cause requirement with a three-tiered test. *See United States v. Armocida,* 515 F.2d 29, 35 (3d Cir.), *cert. denied,* 423 U.S. 858, 96 S.Ct. 111, 46 L.Ed.2d 84 (1975); *United States v. Lyons,* 507 F.Supp. 551, 554 (D.Md.1981). The statute provides that an order may issue

> if the judge determines on the basis of the facts submitted by the applicant that—
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> (a) there is probable cause for belief that an individual is committing, has committed, or is about to commit a particular offense enumerated in section 2516 of this chapter;
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> (b) there is probable cause for belief that particular communications concerning that offense will be obtained through such [oral or wire] interception;
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> (d) there is probable cause for belief that the facilities from which, or the place where, the wire or oral communications are to be intercepted are being used, or are about

> to be used, in connection with the commission of such offense, or are leased to, listed in the name of, or commonly used by such person.

18 U.S.C. § 2518(3) (1976).

[17, 18] The statutory standard is identical to the constitutional standard requiring reasonable grounds to believe that the tap will produce evidence of a crime. *United States v. Hyde,* 574 F.2d 856, 862 (5th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Fury,* 554 F.2d 522, 530 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied,* 433 U.S. 910, 97 S.Ct. 2978, 53 L.Ed.2d 1095 (1977); *United States v. Armocida,* 515 F.2d 29, 36, 40 (3d Cir.), *cert. denied,* 423 U.S. 858, 96 S.Ct. 111, 46 L.Ed.2d 84 (1975); *United States v. Falcone,* 505 F.2d 478, 481 (3rd Cir. 1974), *cert. denied,* 420 U.S. 955, 95 S.Ct. 1338, 43 L.Ed.2d 432 (1975); *United States v. James,* 494 F.2d 1007, 1015 (D.C.Cir.1974); *United States v. Kleve,* 465 F.2d 187, 190-91 (8th Cir. 1972); *United States v. Baynes,* 400 F.Supp. 285, 295 n. 17 (E.D.Pa.1975), *aff'd mem.,* 517 F.2d 1399 (3d Cir. 1976); *United States v. DeCesaro,* 349 F.Supp. 546, 549 (E.D.Wis.1972), *rev'd on other grounds,* 502 F.2d 604 (7th Cir. 1974); *United States v. Cantor,* 328 F.Supp. 561, 565 (E.D.Pa.1971), *aff'd,* 469 F.2d 435 (3d Cir. 1972).[9]

[19-21] It necessarily follows from what has been said that an application for a Title III order or fourth amendment warrant is insufficient if it contains no more than conclusory statements indicating that the government agents believe they have probable cause. If this were enough, there would be no meaningful basis for review by a magistrate and the fourth

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[9] In addition to the three probable cause requirements the statute mentions for an initial application for electronic surveillance, there is a fourth requirement when an extension of the original warrant is sought, that being a statement in the application setting forth the results thus far obtained from the surveillance, or a reasonable explanation of the failure to obtain results. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 2518(1)(f) (1976). "Plainly the function of § 2518(1)(f) is to permit the court realistically to appraise the probability that relevant conversations will be overheard in the future. If during the initial period, no communications of the kind that had been anticipated had been overheard, the Act requires an adequate explanation of the failure before the necessary findings can be made as a predicate to an extension order." *United States v. Giordano,* 416 U.S. 505, 532, 94 S.Ct. 1820, 1834, 40 L.Ed.2d 341 (1974).

amendment's protections would be secure only in the discretion of police officers, which is the very result the warrant requirement seeks to avoid. *Aguilar v. Texas,* 378 U.S. 108, 111, 84 S.Ct. 1509, 1512, 12 L.Ed.2d 723 (1964); *Johnson v. United States,* 333 U.S. 10, 14, 68 S.Ct. 367, 369, 92 L.Ed. 436 (1948). Accordingly, the application must contain sufficient underlying facts so that the magistrate can make an independent determination as to the existence of probable cause. *Ventresca,* 380 U.S. at 108-09, 85 S.Ct. at 745-46; *Beck v. Ohio,* 379 U.S. 89, 96, 85 S.Ct. 223, 228, 13 L.Ed.2d 142 (1964); *Giordenello v. United States,* 357 U.S. 480, 486, 78 S.Ct. 1245, 1250, 2 L.Ed.2d 1503 (1958). However, once the magistrate or, in this case, the issuing judge has made the determination, it is entitled to deference from a reviewing court. *See Spinelli v. United States,* 393 U.S. 410, 419, 89 S.Ct. 584, 590, 21 L.Ed.2d 637 (1969); *Aguilar,* 378 U.S. at 111, 84 S.Ct. at 1512; *Jones v. United States,* 362 U.S. 257, 270-71, 80 S.Ct. 725, 735-36, 4 L.Ed.2d 697 (1960).

[22, 23] Sometimes, direct evidence of observations of criminal activity is presented to the issuing magistrate in an application for a warrant. However, more often direct evidence is not submitted to the magistrate. Rather, hearsay is used; an affiant will report to the court information he has learned which leads him to believe that there is probable cause to issue a warrant. When hearsay is used a two-pronged test is applied: the application must set out the underlying circumstances from which the hearsay declarant, usually a government informant,[10] reached his conclusions, and it must set out underlying circumstances from which the affiant concluded that the hearsay informant is reliable. *See Spinelli,* 393 U.S. at 413, 89 S.Ct. at 587; *Aguilar,* 378 U.S. at 114-15, 84 S.Ct. at 1513-14.[11]

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[10] There is no requirement that the government reveal the identity of its informant. *McCray v. Illinois,* 386 U.S. 300, 87 S.Ct. 1056, 18 L.Ed.2d 62 (1967); *Ventresca,* 380 U.S. at 108, 85 S.Ct. at 745; *Aguilar,* 378 U.S. at 114, 84 S.Ct. at 1514; *Rugendorf v. United States,* 376 U.S. 528, 533, 84 S.Ct. 825, 828, 11 L.Ed.2d 887 (1964). The government has not done so here.

[11] The principles of *Aguilar* and *Spinelli* apply with full force to warrants under Title III. *See, e.g., United States v. Finn,* 502 F.2d 938, 940-41 (7th Cir. 1974); *United States v. DeCesaro,* 502 F.2d 604, 608 (7th Cir. 1974).

[24, 25] The first prong is directed toward the informant's conclusion that criminal activity is afoot and will be discovered by electronic surveillance. To satisfy this prong, there must be a reasonable probability that the interception will discover criminal activity. Mere suspicion is insufficient. *Spinelli,* 393 U.S. at 419, 89 S.Ct. at 590. Moreover, the activity that is alleged must be criminal; innocent activity, no matter how suspicious, is insufficient. *See Reid v. Georgia,* 448 U.S. 438, 100 S.Ct. 2752, 65 L.Ed.2d 890 (1980) (per curiam); *Spinelli,* 393 U.S. at 414, 418, 89 S.Ct. at 588, 590. The inquiry is whether, assuming the veracity of the informant, there is an adequate basis for the informant's conclusion that criminal activity is afoot. *United States v. Button,* 653 F.2d 319, 323 (8th Cir. 1981) (citing 1 W. LaFave, Search and Seizure § 3.3 (1978)). The informant must indicate the source or basis for his knowledge, so that the magistrate can independently evaluate the reliability of the informant's conclusions. *Aguilar,* 378 U.S. at 112-14, 84 S.Ct. at 1512-13; *Giordenello v. United States,* 357 U.S. 480, 486-87, 78 S.Ct. 1245, 1250-51, 2 L.Ed.2d 1503 (1957). In short, the affidavit must indicate how the informant drew his conclusions, *see Spinelli,* 393 U.S. at 416, 89 S.Ct. at 589; *United States v. Button,* 653 F.2d at 323-24; *United States v. Karathanos,* 531 F.2d 26, 30-31 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied,* 428 U.S. 910, 96 S.Ct. 3221, 49 L.Ed.2d 1217 (1976); *United States v. Long,* 439 F.2d 628, 630 (D.C.Cir.1971), so that the migistrate can determine that the informant is acting on the basis of something more substantial than a casual rumor, *Spinelli,* 393 U.S. at 416, 89 S.Ct. at 589.

[26] Defendants in the case at bar interpret the first prong to require that the affidavit specifically state what the informant "saw, touched, heard or smelled first-hand." Such a requirement is unnecessary, too strict, and at odds with *Ventresca's* prohibition of "[t]echnical requirements of elaborate specificity," 380 U.S. at 108, 85 S.Ct. at 745. As long as the context of the affidavit, read as a whole and in a commonsense fashion, reveals that the accusations are sufficiently detailed "that the magistrate may know he is relying on something more substantial than a casual rumor circulating in the underworld or an

accusation based on an individual's general reputation," *Spinelli,* 393 U.S. at 416, 89 S.Ct. at 589, the affidavit is sufficient. The specificity defendants seek is not required if the context in which the charges are made provides a basis for crediting the accusations as substantial. *See United States v. Harris,* 403 U.S. 573, 91 S.Ct. 2075, 29 L.Ed.2d 723 (1971) (plurality opinion); *United States v. Landis,* 632 F.2d 66, 68 (8th Cir. 1980), *cert. denied,* 450 U.S. 918, 101 S.Ct. 1363, 67 L.Ed.2d 344 (1981); *United States v. Carmichael,* 489 F.2d 979, 981 (7th Cir.), *vacated in part on other grounds,* 489 F.2d 983 (7th Cir. 1973) (en banc); *United States v. Wilson,* 479 F.2d 936 (7th Cir. 1973) (en banc).

[27-33] Whether there is a basis for relying on the information contained in the application and affidavit depends in part on its timeliness. Probable cause must exist at the time the magistrate issues the warrant, not merely at some point in the past. *Sgro v. United States,* 287 U.S. 206, 210, 53 S.Ct. 138, 140, 77 L.Ed. 260 (1932); 1 W. LaFave, Search and Seizure § 3.7(a) (1978). The affidavit must demonstrate that the information is not stale, for timeliness "cannot be left to mere inference or conjecture." *Sgro,* 287 U.S. at 211, 53 S.Ct. at 140; *see United States v. Boyd,* 422 F.2d 791 (6th Cir. 1970); *Rosencranz v. United States,* 356 F.2d 310, 317-18 (1st Cir. 1966); *Commonwealth v. Simmons,* 450 Pa. 624, 301 A.2d 819 (1973). This does not mean, however, that every item of information in the affidavit must be specifically dated. If the overall context of the affidavit indicates that the information is timely, the affidavit is sufficient. *See United States v. Dauphinee,* 538 F.2d 1 (1st Cir. 1976); *State v. McCormick,* 584 S.W.2d 821 (Tenn.Cr.App. 1979); 1 W. LaFave, *supra,* p. 13 § 3.7(b). Context is critical as there are no hard and fast rules for staleness of information. Staleness can only be judged by reference to the particular type of crime. Thus, when the affidavit recites ongoing criminal activity of a type likely to continue over a substantial period of time, the timeliness of the information in the affidavit is less important. *See Andresen v. Maryland,* 427 U.S. 463, 478 n. 9, 96 S.Ct. 2737, 2747 n.9, 49 L.Ed.2d 627 (1976); *United States v. Button,* 653 F.2d 319, 325

(8th Cir. 1981); *United States v. Perry,* 643 F.2d 38, 50 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied,* 454 U.S. 835, 102 S.Ct. 138, 70 L.Ed.2d 115 (1981); *United States v. Webster,* 639 F.2d 174, 178-79 (4th Cir. 1981); *United States v. Vazquez,* 605 F.2d 1269, 1281-82 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied,* 444 U.S. 981, 100 S.Ct. 484, 62 L.Ed.2d 408 (1979); *United States v. Weinrich,* 586 F.2d 481, 491-92 (5th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Brinklow,* 560 F.2d 1003, 1005-06 (10th Cir. 1977); *U.S. v. Kirk,* 534 F.2d 1262, 1274 (8th Cir. 1976), *U.S. v. Steeves,* 525 F.2d 33, 38 (8th Cir. 1975); *United States v. Rahn,* 511 F.2d 290, 292 (10th Cir. 1975); *Bastida v. Henderson,* 487 F.2d 860, 864 (5th Cir. 1973). *See also United States v. Harris,* 403 U.S. 573, 579 n.*, 91 S.Ct. 2075, 2080 n.*, 29 L.Ed.2d 723 (1971) (plurality opinion). "[W]here the affidavit properly recites facts indicating activity of a protracted and continuous nature, a course of conduct, the passage of time becomes less important." *United States v. Johnson,* 461 F.2d 285, 287 (10th Cir. 1972).

[34-36] Staleness has a unique pertinence to the applications for extensions of the original January 29 order. The purpose of the original application was to convince Chief Judge Parsons that electronic surveillance would produce evidence of criminal activity. However, once surveillance commenced, the best indicator of whether probable cause continued was the fruits of the actual surveillance conducted, rather than the informants' predictions of what future surveillance might uncover. Thus, as time went by, the informants' information became relatively more stale, and the results thus far obtained relatively more important. *See United States v. Bynum,* 360 F.Supp. 400, 404 (S.D.N.Y.), *aff'd,* 485 F.2d 490 (2d Cir. 1973). However, it is again important to note that this inquiry is critically dependent on context. As with any staleness inquiry, the passage of time is less important where the criminal activity alleged is of a protracted nature. The amount of progress that must be made in a given thirty day period in order to justify an extension will depend on the nature of the crime involved.

[37] Once it is established that the informant's conclusions rest on personal knowledge or information that is both reliable and timely, the focus of inquiry shifts to the second prong of the *Aguilar/Spinelli* test. The affidavit must be examined to see if it contains sufficient underlying circumstances so that the magistrate is justified in relying on the veracity of the informant. As Professor LaFave has explained, "under the second prong of *Aguilar,* properly characterized the 'veracity' prong, facts must be brought before the judicial officer so that he may determine *either* the inherent credibility of the informant *or* the reliability of his information on this particular occasion." 1 W. LaFave, *supra,* p. 13 § 3.3(a) at 502 (footnote omitted) (emphasis in original).

[38-47] The focus of the veracity inquiry is whether there is a substantial basis for considering the informant credible. *See United States v. Harris,* 403 U.S. 573, 580-81, 91 S.Ct. 2075, 2080-81, 29 L.Ed.2d 723 (1971) (plurality opinion). Some kinds of information are inherently credible, such as eyewitness accounts of disinterested citizens acting as witnesses. *See id.* at 599, 91 S.Ct. at 2089 (Harlan, J., dissenting); *cf. Jaben v. United States,* 381 U.S. 214, 224, 85 S.Ct. 1365, 1370, 14 L.Ed.2d 345 (1965) ("[U]nlike narcotics informants, for example, whose credibility may often be suspect, the sources in this tax evasion case are much less likely to produce false or untrustworthy information."). *See generally United States v. Wilson,* 479 F.2d. 936, 940 (7th Cir. 1973) (en banc). Information provided by confidential informants who are themselves members of the underworld, such as is claimed by the FBI with respect to its informants in this case, lack this inherent reliability. However, there are a variety of ways in which their credibility can be established. For example, additional evidence which corroborates the informant's allegations in important respects can be used. *See Harris,* 403 U.S. at 581, 91 S.Ct. at 2080; *Spinelli,* 393 U.S. at 415-17, 89 S.Ct. at 588-89; *Jones v. United States,* 362 U.S. 257, 271, 80 S.Ct. 725, 736, 4 L.Ed.2d 697 (1960); *Draper v. United States,* 358 U.S. 307, 79 S.Ct. 329, 3 L.Ed.2d 327 (1959); *In re DeMonte,* 674 F.2d 1169

at 1173 (7th. Cir. March 24, 1982).[12] The fact that the informant has made a statement against his penal interest enhances credibility. *See Harris,* 403 U.S. at 583-85, 91 S.Ct. at 2081-82; *United States v. Davis,* 617 F.2d 677, 693 (D.C.Cir. 1979); *United States v. Hyde,* 574 F.2d 865, 863 (5th Cir. 1978); *United States v. DeCesaro,* 502 F.2d 604, 608-09 (7th Cir. 1974); *United States v. Damitz,* 495 F.2d 50, 55 (9th Cir. 1974); *United States v. Carmichael,* 489 F.2d 983, 986 (7th Cir. 1973) (en banc); *United States v. Fina,* 405 F.Supp. 267, 271-72 (E.D.Pa.1975); *United States v. Leta,* 332 F.Supp. 1357, 1362 (M.D.Pa.1971).[13] A past record of providing reliable information is an indicia of reliability. *See United States v. Vazquez,* 605 F.2d 1269, 1281 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied,* 444 U.S. 981, 100 S.Ct. 484, 62 L.Ed.2d 408 (1979); *United States v. Vento,* 533 F.2d 838, 844 (3d Cir. 1976); *United States v. McHale,* 495 F.2d 15, 17-18 (7th Cir. 1974); *United States v. Mainello,* 345 F.Supp. 863, 869-70 (E.D.N.Y.1972); *United States v. Becker,* 334 F.Supp. 546, 548 (S.D.N.Y.1971). In cases such as this where there is more than one informant, the

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[12] The classic example of how an informant's tip can be corroborated is *Draper v. United States,* 358 U.S. 307, 79 S.Ct. 329, 3 L.Ed.2d 327 (1959). In *Draper,* a federal narcotics agent received a tip that Draper was selling narcotics in Denver, had gone to Chicago, and would return to Denver on September 8 or 9 by train, carrying three ounces of heroin. The informant also described Draper and the clothes he would be wearing, and that Draper would be carrying a tan zipper bag. The agent went to the Denver train station on September 9, and saw a person matching Draper's description get off an incoming Chicago train carrying a tan zipper bag and wearing the clothing the informant had described. The Court held that once the agent had arrived at the train station and corroborated the informant's story in important respects, he had probable cause to arrest Draper. *Draper* also demonstrates that unlike the first prong, the second prong of the probable cause inquiry can be satisfied by evidence of innocent activity. The agent's observations supplied no evidence of criminal activity in themselves, but by corroborating aspects of the informant's story, they gave the whole of the story, including the allegations of criminal activity, an aura of credibility.

[13] However, declarations against penal interest should be viewed cautiously. The information should be carefully scrutinized to determine whether it is a true declaration against interest, or merely a self-serving statement by a paid informant with no real expectation that he might be prosecuted. *See Stanley v. State,* 19 Md.App. 507, 313 A.2d 847 (1974); 1 W. LaFave, *supra* p. 13 § 3.3(c).

informants can corroborate each other. By telling consistent yet independent stories, the informants provide "cross-corroboration," and enhance the reliability of the application as a whole. *See In re DeMonte,* 674 F.2d 1169 at 1173 (7th Cir. 1982); *United States v. Vasquez,* 605 F.2d 1269, 1281 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied,* 444 U.S. 981, 100 S.Ct. 484, 62 L.Ed.2d 408 (1979); *United States v. Clements,* 588 F.2d 1030, 1034-35 (5th Cir. 1979), *cert. denied,* 440 U.S. 982, 99 S.Ct. 1792, 60 L.Ed.2d 243 and 441 U.S. 936, 99 S.Ct. 2062, 60 L.Ed.2d 666 (1980); *United States v. Weinrich,* 586 F.2d 481, 488-90 (5th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Hyde,* 574 F.2d 856, 863-64 (5th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Askins,* 351 F.Supp. 408, 414 (D.Md.1972); *United States v. Becker,* 334 F.Supp. 546, 549-50 (S.D.N.Y.1971). Telephone toll records may enhance reliability, by corroborating information that alleged co-conspirators talk to each other on the phone. *See United States v. Webster,* 639 F.2d 174, 178 (4th Cir. 1981); *United States v. Weinrich,* 586 F.2d 481, 490 (5th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Hyde,* 574 F.2d 856, 863 (5th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Best,* 363 F.Supp. 11, 18-19 (S.D.Ga. 1973).[14] Finally, the specificity of the information provided can in itself be an indicia of reliability. *See United States v. Unger,* 469 F.2d 1283, 1286-87 (7th Cir. 1972); *United States v. Roman,* 451 F.2d 579, 581 (4th Cir. 1971); *see generally Harris,* 403 U.S. at 579-80, 91 S.Ct. at 2079-80.[15]

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[14] Telephone toll records are another example of how information innocent in itself can provide corroboration under the second *Aguilar/Spinelli* prong. *See also* note 12 supra.

[15] Defendants interpret the second prong to prohibit mere conclusory statements of reliability. However, labeling a statement as "conclusory" is of little analytical aid. Affidavits containing conclusory allegations of reliability have been upheld so long as the affidavit contains allegations that, if true (and the truth of the allegations is assumed for purposes of the *Aguilar/Spinelli* inquiry), provide a basis for concluding that the informant is reliable. *See Jones v. United States,* 362 U.S. 257, 267 n.2, 80 S.Ct. 725, 734, n.2, 4 L.Ed.2d 697 (1960); *United States v. Carmichael,* 489 F.2d 983 (7th Cir. 1973) (en banc); *United States v. Hood,* 422 F.2d 737, 739 (7th Cir. 1970). *See also Harris,* 403 U.S. at 580-81, 91 S.Ct. at 2080-81. The teaching of these cases is that "conclusory" statements are permissible as long as the affiant states some reason for his conclusion that the informant is reliable.

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In *Franks v. Delaware,* 438 U.S. 154, 98 S.Ct. 2674, 57 L.Ed.2d 667 (1978), the Supreme Court held that, under certain circumstances, the fourth amendment requires that defendants be permitted to go behind the face of an application for a search warrant and challenge the truthfulness of the allegations it contains.

> [W]e hold that, where the defendant makes a substantial preliminary showing that a false statement knowingly and intentionally, or with reckless disregard for the truth, was included by the affiant in the warrant affidavit, and if the allegedly false statement is necessary to the finding of probable cause, the Fourth Amendment requires that a hearing be held at the defendant's request. In the event that at that hearing the allegation of perjury or reckless disregard is established by the defendant by a preponderance of the evidence, and, with the affidavit's false material set to one side, the affidavit's remaining content is insufficient to establish probable cause, the search warrant must be voided and the fruits of the search excluded to the same extent as if probable cause was lacking on the face of the affidavit.

438 U.S. at 155-56, 98 S.Ct. at 2676-77.

[48] Thus, there are three elements to a *Franks* claim, (i) a false statement, (ii) which is made by the affiant with knowledge of the falsity, or with reckless disregard for the truth, (iii) that is material, meaning that without the false statement the affidavit would not have been sufficient to establish probable cause.[16]

[49] Defendants claim that the applications in the instant case violate *Franks.*[17] However, *Franks* indicates that defen-

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[16] Prior to *Franks,* the law in this circuit permitted challenges to any intentional misrepresentation, irrespective of its materiality. *See United States v. Carmichael,* 489 F.2d 983, 988 (7th Cir. 1973) (en banc).

[17] The government concedes that *Franks* is applicable to warrants obtained under Title III.

dants must do more than merely allege material misrepresentations in order to obtain an evidentiary hearing on their allegations.

> To mandate an evidentiary hearing, the challenger's attack must be more than conclusory and must be supported by more than a mere desire to cross-examine. There must be allegations of deliberate falsehood or of reckless disregard for the truth, and those allegations must be accompanied by an offer of proof. They should point out specifically the portion of the warrant affidavit that is claimed to be false; and they should be accompanied by a statement of supporting reasons. Affidavits or sworn or otherwise reliable statements of witnesses should be furnished, or their absence satisfactorily explained. Allegations of negligence or innocent mistake are insufficient.

438 U.S. at 171, 98 S.Ct. at 2684.

Franks requires that defendants make a "substantial preliminary showing," 438 U.S. at 155, 98 S.Ct. at 2676, in order to demonstrate the need for a hearing. Absent such a showing, a hearing is not warranted.

[50-54] *Franks* also limits the kind of falsity which may be the subject of a challenge. While *Franks* requires that the warrant affidavit be "truthful,"

> [t]his does not mean "truthful" in the sense that every fact recited in the warrant affidavit is necessarily correct, for probable cause may be founded upon hearsay and upon information received from informants, as well as upon information within the affiant's own knowledge that sometimes must be garnered hastily. But surely it is to be "truthful" in the sense that the information put forth is believed or is appropriately accepted by the affiant as true.

438 U.S. at 165, 98 S.Ct. at 2681. *Franks* only permits challenges to intentional or reckless misrepresentations of the affiant himself. *Id.* at 163-64, 171, 98 S.Ct. at 2680-81, 2684;

see also Rugendorf v. United States, 376 U.S. 528, 532-33, 84 S.Ct. 825, 827-28, 11 L.Ed.2d 887 (1964). The fact that a third party lied to the affiant, who in turn included the lies in a warrant affidavit, does not constitute a *Franks* violation. A *Franks* violation occurs only if the affiant knew the third party was lying, or if the affiant proceeded in reckless disregard of the truth. Therefore, allegations that hearsay contained in a warrant application is false, or that an informant whose story was recited by an affiant was lying, are insufficient to require a *Franks* hearing, since the falsity or recklessness alleged is not that of the affiant, but of a third party. *See United States v. Skramstad,* 649 F.2d 1259, 1265 (8th Cir. 1981); *United States v. Schauble,* 647 F.2d 113, 117 (10th Cir. 1981); *United States v. Smith,* 635 F.2d 1329, 1334 (8th Cir. 1980); *United States v. Arrington,* 618 F.2d 1119, 1125 (5th Cir. 1980), *cert. denied,* 449 U.S. 1086, 101 S.Ct. 876, 66 L.Ed.2d 812 (1981); *United States v. Luschen,* 614 F.2d 1164, 1172-73 (8th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 446 U.S. 939, 100 S.Ct. 2161, 64 L.Ed.2d 793 (1980); *United States v. Barnes,* 604 F.2d 121, 152-53 (2d Cir. 1979), *cert. denied,* 446 U.S. 907, 100 S.Ct. 1833, 64 L.Ed.2d 260 (1980); *United States v. Brian,* 507 F.Supp. 761, 764 (D.R.I.1981); *United States v. Weingartner,* 485 F.Supp. 1167, 1182-83 (D.N.J.1979), *appeal dismissed,* 642 F.2d 445 (3d Cir. 1981); *United States v. DePalma,* 461 F.Supp. 800, 814-15 (S.D.N.Y. 1978); *Schneider v. State,* 269, Ark. 245, 599 S.W.2d 730 (1980), *cert. denied,* 449 U.S. 1124, 101 S.Ct. 939, 67 L.Ed.2d 109 (1981); *Misenheimer v. State,* 268 Ind. 274, 279-80, 374 N.E.2d 523, 527-28 (1978); *State v. Hermerding,* 5 Kan.App. 797, 626 P.2d 210 (1981); *State v. Babbit,* 368 So.2d 690 (La. 1978); *State v. White,* 391 A.2d 291 (Me. 1978); *State v. Stickelman,* 207 Neb. 429, 299 N.W.2d 520 (1980); *Taylor v. State,* 604 S.W.2d 175 (Tex.Crim.App.1980); *State v. Larsen,* 26 Wash.App. 564, 613 P.2d 542 (1980); 2 W. LaFave, *supra* p. 13 § 4.4(b). *See also United States v. Anderson,* 542 F.2d 428, 432-33 (7th Cir. 1976); *United States v. Carmichael,* 489 F.2d 983, 989 (7th Cir. 1973) (en banc); *United States v. Sultan,* 463 F.2d 1066, 1070 (2d Cir. 1972); *United States v. Kemp,* 421 F.Supp. 563, 569-70 (W.D.Pa.1976); *Theodor v. Superior Court,* 8 Cal.3d 77, 501

P.2d 234, 104 Cal. Rptr. 226 (1972); *State v. Baca,* 84 N.M. 513, 505 P.2d 856 (1973).[18]

[55] Furthermore, even when there is an allegation that the affiant knew the informant was lying, was reckless in reporting the story, or deliberately or recklessly misreported the informant's story to the court, the allegation must be accompanied by the required offer of proof. For example, a claim that the informant did not exist, or did not report the information attributed to him in the warrant affidavit, if unsupported by substantial corroborating evidence, does not entitle a defendant to a *Franks* hearing. *See e.g., People v. Coleman,* 91 Ill.App.3d 646, 651, 47 Ill.Dec. 548, 551, 415 N.E.2d 553, 557 (1980); *People v. Poindexter,* 90 Mich.App. 599, 282 N.W.2d 411 (1979); *State v. Cervantes,* 92 N.M. 643, 593 P.2d 478 (Ct.App.), *cert. denied,* 92 N.M. 621, 593 P.2d 62 (1979).[19]

Franks addresses explicitly only the problem of misrepresentations contained in the four corners of the warrant affidavit. However, defendants contend that *Franks* also applies to omissions of material information from an affidavit.

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[18] There is one exception to this principle: where hearsay is provided to one government agent who knows the informant is lying, recklessly believes the informant, or deliberately or recklessly misreports the information to a second government agent, who then innocently includes the misrepresentations in an affidavit. In such a case, the government can "not insulate one officer's deliberate misstatement merely by relaying it through an officer-affiant personally ignorant of its falsity." *United States v. DePalma,* 461 F.Supp. 800, 815 n. 13 (S.D.N.Y.1978). *See* 436 U.S. at 163 n. 6, 98 S.Ct. at 2680 n. 6.

[19] *Franks* reserved the question whether special circumstances might exist which would necessitate the disclosure of the identity of a confidential informant. *See* 438 U.S. at 170, 98 S.Ct. at 2684. Since defendants do not seek disclosure here, we need not reach this question. However, defendants have requested that the court conduct an in camera, ex parte review of the government's contact reports summarizing the information received from its informants, so that the court can review defendants' claims that the informants either do not exist, or did not provide the information attributed to them. The government concedes the court has the authority to do this, but suggests defendants have made no showing justifying the exercise of our discretion. We have declined to order the government to produce the reports for the court, for a number of reasons.

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It does seem to be the case that the considerations underlying *Franks* apply with equal force to intentional or reckless material omissions. In *Franks,* the Court noted that the fourth amendment's protections would be seriously undermined if materially false warrant affidavits could go unchallenged.

> Because it is the magistrate who must determine independently whether there is probable cause, it would be an unthinkable imposition upon his authority if a warrant affidavit, revealed after the fact to contain a deliberately or recklessly false statement, were to stand beyond impeachment.

438 U.S. at 165, 98 S.Ct. at 2681 (citations omitted). Consequently, the Court concluded that unless challenges to the veracity of warrant affidavits were permitted, the warrant clause of the fourth amendment "would be reduced to a nullity [once] a police officer was able to use deliberately falsified allegations to demonstrate probable cause, and, having misled the magistrate, then was able to remain confident that the ploy was worthwhile." 438 U.S. at 168, 98 S.Ct. at 2682.

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First, we doubt the value of an ex parte in camera review, since the government's presentation could not be tested by cross-examination. *See United States v. Moore,* 522 F.2d 1068, 1073 (9th Cir. 1975), *cert. denied,* 423 U.S. 1049, 96 S.Ct. 775, 46 L.Ed.2d 637 (1976); *United States v. Marihart,* 492 F.2d 897, 901 n. 6 (8th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 419 U.S. 827, 95 S.Ct. 46, 42 L.Ed.2d 51 (1974). Second, the *Aguilar/Spinelli* tests provide safeguards as to the reliability of the informant's stories. *See United States v. House,* 604 F.2d 1135, 1140-41 (8th Cir. 1979), *cert. denied,* 445 U.S. 931, 100 S.Ct. 1320, 63 L.Ed.2d 764 (1980). Finally, while we recognize that without some disclosure, a *Franks* claim regarding confidential informants may be difficult if not impossible to prove, *see United States v. Brian,* 507 F.Supp. 761, 766-67 (D.R.I.1981), this should not mean that disclosure should be routine, in light of the "presumption of validity with respect to the affidavit supporting the search warrant." *Franks,* 438 U.S. at 171, 98 S.Ct. at 2684. Some preliminary showing overcoming the presumption should be required. For example, in *Brian,* defendants introduced the statement of an FBI agent involved in the case indicating that the informants in question did not in fact exist. Here, defendants' arguments are largely speculative and unsupported by anything more than defendants' own affidavits.

[56-59] If the government could intentionally or recklessly omit material facts from warrant affidavits and applications, the same danger would be created. If the government had unfettered power to pick and choose which facts to present to the magistrate regardless of how misleading the presentations were, the magistrate's review of the affidavit would be rendered meaningless. The magistrate would not be provided with a fair opportunity to review the government's evidence in making the probable cause determination. He would perform his crucial role at the whim, caprice or duplicity of the governmental agents involved in the case. Such a result cannot be squared with *Franks'* demand that the government not frustrate the magistrate's review of probable cause by deliberately or recklessly providing misleading information. Under the rationale of *Franks,* defendants must be permitted to challenge an affidavit on the basis of the intentional or reckless omission of material facts from the affidavit. *United States v. Willis,* 647 F.2d 54, 58 (9th Cir. 1981); *United States v. House,* 604 F.2d 1135, 1141 & n. 9 (8th Cir. 1979), *cert. denied,* 445 U.S. 931, 100 S.Ct. 1320, 63 L.Ed.2d 764 (1980); *United States v. Lace,* 502 F.Supp. 1021, 1045-56 (D.Vt.1980); *United States v. Lewis,* 425 F.Supp. 1166, 1173 (D.Conn.1977); *Schmid v. State,* 615 P.2d 565 (Alaska 1980); *People v. Kurland,* 28 Cal.3d 376, 618 P.2d 213, 168 Cal.Rptr. 667 (1980), *cert. denied,* 451 U.S. 987, 101 S.Ct. 2321, 68 L.Ed.2d 844 (1981); *People v. Townsend,* 90 Ill.App.3d 1089, 1096, 46 Ill.Dec.599, 604-05, 414 N.E.2d 483, 488-89 (1980); *see United States v. Dennis,* 625 F.2d 782, 791-92 (8th Cir. 1980); *United States v. Martin,* 615 F.2d 318, 328-29 (5th Cir. 1980); *United States v. Vasquez,* 605 F.2d 1269, 1282 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied,* 444 U.S. 981, 100 S.Ct. 484, 62 L.Ed.2d 408, 444 U.S. 1019, 100 S.Ct. 674, 62 L.Ed.2d 649 (1979); *United States v. Melvin,* 596 F.2d 492, 498-500 (1st Cir.), *cert. denied,* 444 U.S. 837, 100 S.Ct. 73, 62 L.Ed.2d 48 (1979); *United States v. Collins,* 549 F.2d 557, 561 (8th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 431 U.S. 940, 97 S.Ct. 2656, 53 L.Ed.2d 259 (1977); *United States v. Park,* 531 F.2d 754, 758-59 (5th Cir. 1976); *United States v. Burke,* 490 F.Supp. 855, 857 n. 1 (S.D.Fla.1980); *United States v. Balsamo,* 468 F.Supp. 1363, 1390 (D.Me.1979); *United States v. Acon,* 403 F.Supp. 1189,

1193-94 (W.D.Pa.1975); *Morris v. Superior Court,* 57 Cal.App.3d 521, 129 Cal.Rptr. 238 (1976); *see also United States v. Lefkowitz,* 618 F.2d 1313, 1317 n. 3 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 449 U.S. 824, 101 S.Ct. 86, 66 L.Ed.2d 27 (1980); *United States v. Davis,* 617 F.2d 677, 693-95 (D.C.Cir.1979). However, when defendants challenge the warrant on the basis of information not brought to the attention of the authorizing judge which they claim tends to negate the existence of probable cause, the government is entitled to respond by presenting its own evidence, also not brought to the attention of the magistrate, which supports the existence of probable cause. *See United States v. Carmichael,* 489 F.2d 983, 990 (7th Cir. 1973) (en banc); *State v. Post,* 286 N.W.2d 195, 201-02 (Iowa 1979); 2 W. LaFave, *supra* p. 13 § 4.4 at 18 (Supp.1982).[20]

Some of the claims defendants make in this case are based on their theory that, had the government conducted a reasonably adequate investigation prior to seeking authority to conduct electronic surveillance, it would have discovered that the assertions made in the affidavits were false. Before the individual assertions are considered, some remarks about whether *Franks* encompasses a "duty to investigate" are in order.

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[20] Even though it is theoretically possible to make out a *Franks* claim on the basis of material omissions, in practice it will be very difficult for a defendant to make the necessary showing that the omissions were intentional or reckless. As Judge Goldberg has perceptively noted,

> [H]ere, there is no evidence in the record directly illuminating the state of mind of the affiant, Agent Kinzer, when he omitted [material facts] from the affidavit . . ., for Martin proved little more than that these omissions were made. Doubtless it will often be difficult for an accused to prove that an omission was made intentionally or with reckless disregard rather than negligently unless he somehow gained independent evidence that the affiant had acted from bad motive or recklessly in conducting his investigation and making the affidavit. Nevertheless, it follows from *Franks* that the accused bears the burden of showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the omission was more than a negligent act. It is possible that when the facts omitted from the affidavit are clearly critical to a finding of probable cause the fact of recklessness may be inferred from the omission itself.

United States v. Martin, 615 F.2d 318, 329 (5th Cir. 1980).

Defendants' "duty to investigate" claims, by their very nature, involve reckless and not intentional misstatements. Defendants do not argue that the government actually knew the affidavits were materially false, but that, had it investigated, it would have discovered their falsity, and that the failure to do so was made with reckless disregard of the truth. Unfortunately, *Franks* provides little guidance as to what constitutes "reckless disregard for the truth." A useful analogy, however, is provided by the principle of first amendment law that liability for a defamatory statement regarding a public figure cannot be imposed unless the plaintiff proves that the defendant acted with reckless disregard for the truth. *See generally Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc.,* 418 U.S. 323, 94 S.Ct. 2997, 41 L.Ed.2d 789 (1974); *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan,* 376 U.S. 254, 279-80, 84 S.Ct. 710, 725-26, 11 L.Ed.2d 686 (1964). The Court has written that

> reckless conduct is not measured by whether a reasonably prudent man would have published, *or would have investigated before publishing. There must be sufficient evidence to permit the conclusion that the defendant in fact entertained serious doubts as to the truth of his publication.* Publishing with such doubts shows reckless disregard for the truth. *St. Amant v. Thompson,* 390 U.S. 727, 731-32, 88 S.Ct. 1323, 1325-26, 20 L.Ed.2d 262 (1968) (emphasis supplied). The actual presence of serious doubts as to the truth of the representations published is the key to a finding of reckless disregard for the truth. "Failure to investigate does not in itself establish bad faith." *Id.* at 733, 88 S.Ct. at 1326. *See Herbert v. Lando,* 441 U.S. 153, 156-57, 99 S.Ct. 1635, 1638-39, 60 L.Ed.2d 115 (1979); *Gertz,* 418 U.S. at 335 n. 6, 94 S.Ct. at 3005 n.6; *Sullivan,* 376 U.S. at 287-88, 84 S.Ct. at 729-30.

[60-63] The same considerations of requiring actual bad faith, rather than merely a breach of duty, which underlie this principle of first amendment law also underlie *Franks. See* 438 U.S. at 168-70, 98 S.Ct. at 2682-84, *see also United States v. Carmichael,* 489 F.2d 983, 988-89 (7th Cir. 1973) (en banc). As a result, this branch of first amendment law provides useful

guidance, and indicates that the reckless disregard for truth required by *Franks* is not established by a mere failure to investigate. Rather, it can only be demonstrated if defendants can establish that the government in fact entertained serious doubts as to the truth of the affidavits or had obvious reasons to doubt the accuracy of the information contained therein. *United States v. Davis,* 617 F.2d 677, 694 (D.C.Cir.1979); *see United States v. Edwards,* 602 F.2d 458, 465 (1st Cir. 1979). Therefore, failure to investigate, in itself, does not state a claim under *Franks. See Edwards,* 602 F.2d at 465; *United States v. Young Buffalo,* 591 F.2d 506, 510 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 441 U.S. 950, 99 S.Ct. 2178, 60 L.Ed 2d 1055 (1979); *United States v. Santarpio,* 560 F.2d 448, 453 n. 4 (1st Cir. 1977), *cert. denied,* 434 U.S. 984, 98 S.Ct. 609, 54 L.Ed.2d 478(1978); *United States v. Weingartner,* 485 F.Supp. 1167, 1183 (D.N.J. 1979), *appeal dismissed,* 642 F.2d 445 (3d Cir. 1981); *United States v. Acon,* 403 F.Supp. 1189, 1193-94 (W.D.Pa.1975); *Caslin v. Commonwealth,* 491 S.W.2d 832, 834 (Ky.1973).[21]

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[21] There are also ample practical reasons why a duty to investigate should not be imposed, at least in cases involving complex investigations such as the instant one. For one thing, requiring the Government to investigate all informant data may compromise the overall investigation by bringing its existence to the attention of the target. *United States v. Loften,* 518 F.Supp. 839, 844 (S.D.N.Y.1981). For another, the *Aguilar/Spinelli* test provides significant safeguards ensuring the reliability of the hearsay contained in the affidavit. Other factors were enumerated by the Court in *United States v. Kahn,* 415 U.S. 143, 94 S.Ct. 977, 39 L.Ed.2d 225 (1974).

> A requirement that the Government fully investigate the possibility that any likely user of a telephone was engaging in criminal activities before applying for an interception order would greatly subvert the effectiveness of the law enforcement mechanism that Congress constructed .... If the telephone were in a store or an office, the Government might well be required to investigate everyone who had access to it—in some cases, literally hundreds of people—even though there was no reason to suspect that any of them were violating any criminal law. It is thus open to considerable doubt that such a requirement would ultimately serve the interests of individual privacy.

Id. at 153, 94 S.Ct. at 983. The amorphous and wide-ranging nature of the allegations in the warrant affidavit, described in Part III, *infra,* would have required a similarly wide-ranging pre-application investigation, in violation of the dictates of *Kahn.*

Moreover, when examining the evidence of reckless error proffered by defendants, it is important to conduct the inquiry with an appreciation of the difficulty of the task confronting the government agents. *Franks* itself notes that mistakes are inevitable when agents must, of necessity, rely on hearsay or make hasty judgments in the midst of an ongoing and quickly-developing investigation. *See* 438 U.S. at 165, 169, 98 S.Ct. at 2681, 2683. The evidence obtained during investigations is rarely clear-cut; "smoking guns" are rarities. More often, the evidence obtained and presented to the magistrate will contain ambiguities and confusing references, especially when the results of wiretaps are presented. In such cases, mistakes are to be expected, and are not necessarily indicative of recklessness. *See United States v. Young Buffalo,* 591 F.2d 506, 511 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 441 U.S. 950, 99 S.Ct. 2178, 60 L.Ed.2d 1055 (1979); *United States v. Marcello,* 508 F. Supp. 586, 604-06 (E.D.La.1981).

With the preceding principles in mind, the warrant applications and affidavits in this case can be examined.

III

On January 29, 1979, the government, through Emil A. Tonkovich, an attorney for the United States Department of Justice, applied for a Title III order to intercept telephone conversations of Allen Dorfman, Sol Schwartz, Abe Chapman, Anthony LaMonica, Samuel LaMonica, Carl Thomas and others yet unknown taking place over certain of Amalgamated's phone lines. Wading through the boilerplate, the substance of the application was that there was probable cause to believe that a group of persons were conspiring to establish, promote, manage, and/or receive compensation from hidden interests in one or more Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada gambling casinos. Such a conspiracy would have violated the Nevada Gaming Control Act, Nev.Rev.Stat. §§ 463.160, 463.170, 463.200, 463.520, 463.530 and 463.360 (1977), and, depending upon the appropriate interstate nexus, 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 1952,

1962(c)-(d) and 1963 (1976). The application named those persons whom there was probable cause to believe were engaged in the alleged unlawful activity, including Dorfman and, with respect to the Reno casinos, defendant Joseph Lombardo ("Lombardo"). The application alleged probable cause to believe that the named interceptees commonly used the particular Amalgamated telephone lines and that a tap would intercept conversations of the named interceptees regarding the criminal activities alleged in the application. The application was supported by the affidavit of Special Agent Peter J. Wacks ("Wacks") of the FBI.

A

[64] The Wacks affidavit does not allege that Wacks had personal knowledge of the illegal activities alleged in the affidavit. Rather, it relies on hearsay statements attributed to six confidential informants, one named informant, and certain telephone subscriber and toll record information.[22] This information must be tested against the standards of *Aguilar/Spinelli* outlined above.

[65] Confidential Informant # 1 (CI # 1), as he is named in the Wacks affidavit, stated that Dorfman is controlled by organized crime figures in Chicago, that he handles business investments on behalf of organized crime interests, and arranges loans made to organized crime interests by the Fund. We take judicial notice of the fact that the term "organized crime" refers to an ongoing and highly structured organization engaging in criminal activity on a regular basis.[23]

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[22] The Wacks affidavit also included a summary of the results of the FBI's investigation of Dorfman. However, the summary merely indicates that the investigation had been unsuccessful, and hence does not add to the showing of probable cause the application purports to make.

[23] The meaning of the term "organized crime" is a legislative fact which may properly be subject to judicial notice. *See* Advisory Committee Note, Fed.R.Evid. 201(a).

> We have always had forms of organized crime and corruption. But there has grown up in our society today highly organized, structured and formalized groups of criminal cartels, whose existence transcends the crime known yesterday, for which our criminal laws and procedures were primarily designed. The "American system was not designed with (organized crime) * * * in mind," the President's Crime Commission noted in its report "The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society" (1967), "and it has been notably unsuccessful to date in preventing such organizations from preying on society." These hard-core groups have become more than just loose associations of criminals. They have developed into corporations of corruption, indeed, quasi-governments in our society, presenting a unique challenge to the administration of justice. Organized crime has never limited itself to one illegal endeavor. Today, it is active in, and largely controls, professional gambling, which can only be described as exploitative, corruptive and parasitic, draining income away from food, clothing, shelter, health, and education in our urban ghettoes. The net take is estimated as $7 billion a year.

Sen.Rep.No.1097, 90th Cong., 2d Sess. 70 (1968), *reprinted* in [1968] U.S.Code Cong. & Admin.N. 2112, 2157 (1968) (asterisks in original) [hereinafter cited as Sen.Rep.No. 1097].

> The Congress finds that (1) organized crime in the United States is a highly sophisticated, diversified, and widespread activity that annually drains billions of dollars from America's economy by unlawful conduct and the illegal use of force, fraud, and corruption; (2) organized crime derives a major portion of its power through money obtained from such illegal endeavors as syndicated gambling, loan sharking, the theft and fencing of property, the importation and distribution of narcotics and other dangerous drugs, and other forms of social exploitation; (3) this money and power are increasingly used to infiltrate and corrupt legitimate business and labor unions and to subvert and corrupt our democratic processes; (4) or-

> ganized crime activities in the United States weaken the stability of the Nation's economic system, harm innocent investors and competing organizations, interfere with free competition, seriously burden interstate and foreign commerce, threaten the domestic security, and undermine the general welfare of the Nation and its citizens; and (5) organized crime continues to grow because of defects in the evidence-gathering process of the law inhibiting the development of the legally admissible evidence necessary to bring criminal and other sanctions or remedies to bear on the unlawful activities of those engaged in organized crime and because the sanctions and remedies available to the Government are unnecessarily limited in scope and impact.

Pub.L.No.91-452, § 1, 84 Stat. 922-23 (1970). "The major purpose of title III is to combat organized crime." Sen.Rep.No. 1097, *supra* p.31 at 70, 2157. *See* Pub.L.No. 90-351, tit. III § 801(c), 82 Stat. 211 (1968).

CI # 1 went on to detail Dorfman's link with organized crime, stating that through Amalgamated (which is in the business of insurance) Dorfman charges inflated insurance premiums to several large hotel-casinos in Las Vegas and splits the proceeds with organized crime figures and that Dorfman derives income through organized crime's hidden interest in Argent Corporation, which owns several Las Vegas hotel-casinos. Specifically, CI # 1 alleged that Dorfman had had a hidden interest in the Slots-Of-Fun and Bingo Palace casinos for a number of years, and that he frequently discusses these interests over his telephones at his Chicago office and home, and his west coast home at La Costa, California, with Carl Thomas, the operator of Slots-Of-Fun and Bingo Palace.

Another informant, CI # 3, also stated that Dorfman works for organized crime interests, and arranges Fund loans to those interests, and that Dorfman handles insurance for several casinos. CI # 3 alleged that Dorfman currently had a hidden interest in the Slots-A-Fun[24] casino and that money is skimmed

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[24] Apparently, CI #3 told Wacks to spell "Slots-A-Fun" differently than did CI #1.

from this casino and funneled through Dorfman to organized crime interests. CI # 3 stated that Dorfman discusses his illegal activities on his office and home telephones in Chicago.

A third informant, CI # 2, also alleged, but in conclusory fashion, that Dorfman had a hidden interest in Las Vegas casinos. He/she stated in greater detail that Dorfman, together with Abe Chapman, Joseph Sica, Anthony LaMonica and Samuel LaMonica, were attempting to obtain a hidden interest in the Horseshoe Club casino in Reno by buying it through a front man from its present owner, Dr. Tom Mullis ("Mullis"). CI # 2 explained that the group had had trouble obtaining financing, but was about to consummate the deal by obtaining a loan from a number of Chinese investors. The illegal activities are carried out, in part, over Dorfman's office and home telephones in Chicago, and involve the use of at least two intermediaries, named Millie Watson and Karen Jacobs.

[66] The information provided by these informants satisfies the first *Aguilar/Spinelli* prong. The informants detailed specific criminal activity. Each informant states that he is personally acquainted with at least some of the alleged conspirators, and that his information is based on personal observation of, personal conversations with, and actual overhearing of the alleged conspirators. The specificity of the information provided, including how skimming is conducted, how Dorfman funnels casino money to organized crime, and how the Horseshoe purchase would be financed, also indicates that the information is based on something more than casual rumor. The information provided by CI's # 1 and # 3 had been updated during January, and the context indicates that CI # 2's information had been provided recently. Moreover, the informants detailed an ongoing scheme of long duration, so staleness was not a critical problem. On balance, there was a basis for concluding that the informants' conclusions were grounded in something more substantial than speculation or casual rumor. Under the standards set out above, Chief Judge Parsons was justified in concluding that the informant material was adequately grounded in underlying facts supporting the informants' conclusions. The informant data passes muster under the first prong of *Aguilar/Spinelli*.

[67, 68] The second prong of *Aguilar/Spinelli* is also satisfied. The informants' data cross-corroborates in important respects. The Wacks affidavit also states that the informants had proven reliable in the past, and that the FBI had consistently corroborated the information that had been provided in the past by these informants. The Wacks affidavit included telephone toll records and subscriber information which corroborated the informants' statements about the patterns of telephone calls which the alleged conspirators employed. The information was further corroborated by the statements of other confidential informants. James Fratianno and CI # 4 corroborated the allegations that Dorfman and Lombardo were involved in organized crime activities. CI # 5 and CI # 6 corroborated the allegations that Carl Thomas was controlled by organized crime interests. While this additional informant information was somewhat stale, it did tend to reinforce the reliability of the hearsay provided by CI # 1, # 2 and # 3.[25]

[69] Chief Judge Parsons was justified in concluding that the allegations of criminal activity in the January 29 application were sufficiently supported to justify the issuance of a Title III order. There was probable cause on January 29.

B

[70] Defendants next assert that, assuming the sufficiency of the January 29 application and wiretap order, the allegations contained in the application as to Dorfman's suspected criminal activity were false. Of course, a subsequent discovery that the application allegations were erroneous does not invalidate the January 29 order. "If the officer acts with probable cause, he is protected even though it turns out that the citizen is innocent." *Henry v. United States,* 361 U.S. 98, 102, 80 S.Ct. 168, 171, 4

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[25] We do not hold that allegations that Dorfman and/or Lombardo are linked to organized crime are sufficient in themselves to create probable cause. We merely rely on those allegations as lending background, and hence reliability, to the allegations of specific casino-related unlawful activity contained in the January 29 application.

L.Ed.2d 134 (1959). However, the alleged falsity of the allegations is the basis of defendants' *Franks* claim regarding the January 29 application. Defendants claim that the government either knew the allegations were false, or proceeded in reckless disregard for the truth.

[71] The core of defendants' offer of proof on this *Franks* claim is that Dorfman had no hidden interest in Bingo Palace and Slots-A-Fun, and sought no hidden interest in Horseshoe. *See* 1 App. III, Affidavit of Allen M. Dorfman, Affidavit of John C. Tucker, Affidavit of Sol Schwartz, Affidavit of Dr. Tom N. Mullis. However, these materials in no way indicate that anyone in the government, much less the affiant, Wacks, knew the allegations were false, or proceeded in reckless disregard for the truth. At best, defendants' offer of proof indicates that the informants were lying. However, this is insufficient to raise a *Franks* claim. Under the standards set forth in Part II-B, p. 20-22 *supra,* a showing that informant data contained in an affidavit is false does not raise a claim under *Franks.*

[72, 73] Defendants make two arguments that Wacks knew the January 29 affidavit was false, or was made with reckless disregard for the truth. First, they argue that the government should have, but did not investigate the ownership of the casinos in question prior to seeking Title III authorization. Defendants argue that there were a number of individuals the government could have interviewed to determine if Dorfman in fact had or sought hidden interests in Nevada casinos prior to seeking the wiretap. However, as we noted above, *Franks* encompasses no duty to investigate. Absent a showing that the government had actual knowledge that an investigation would prove Dorfman's innocence, or had obvious reasons to believe that was the case, no *Franks* claim is stated. Here, there is no showing that the government knew that an investigation would clear Dorfman. Indeed, it is logical to assume that had the government interviewed Dorfman's alleged co-conspirators, it would not have believed their answers: if these persons were engaged in an illegal conspiracy, they hardly would have told the FBI about it. Moreover, there

is no reason to believe that anyone but Dorfman and his co-conspirators would know about the scheme. The point of a hidden interest is that it is "hidden." Dorfman hardly would have let it be known that he was seeking a "hidden" interest. The informants indicated that Dorfman was acting through a "front." Those involved in the casinos would not have known of Dorfman's interest precisely because it was "hidden" by a "front."

[74-76] Second, defendants rely on the affidavit of Mullis, which they claim proves the government knew the January 29 application was false. However, while Mullis' statement does indicate that he was interviewed by the FBI in late 1978, *see* 1 App. III, Affidavit of Dr. Tom N. Mullis, and the government concedes he was reinterviewed on January 18, 1979, *see* Government's Consolidated Response to Defendants' Motions to Suppress Electronic Surveillance at 73-74, the Mullis affidavit does not indicate that Mullis told the FBI anything about Dorfman at all, much less that Dorfman was innocent. *See* 1 App. III, Affidavit of Dr. Tom N. Mullis ¶¶ 16-17. In any event, what Mullis told the FBI hardly clears Dorfman. Had Mullis known that he was about to enter an unlawful transaction for the sale of the Horseshoe, he surely would not have told the FBI about it. Moreover, it is more likely that he would not know, since, according to CI # 2 Dorfman was acting through a front, so that Mullis would not have known the real identity of those seeking to buy the Horseshoe from him. In fact, the Mullis affidavit corroborates CI # 2 in an important respect, since Mullis states that he was in fact attempting to sell the Horseshoe during the period in which CI # 2 said Dorfman was trying to buy it. Finally, defendants have made no showing that the results of the Mullis interview were communicated to Wacks. The test under *Franks* is not the state of mind of "the government," but the state of mind of the affiant, here Wacks. There is no showing that Wacks knew of the Mullis interviews, and in the absence of such a showing, the offer of proof fails to implicate the state of mind of the affiant. Defendants' offer of proof therefore falls short, and defendants were not entitled to

a *Franks* hearing on the January 29 application.[26] Accordingly, prior to the evidentiary hearing which commenced March 29, 1982, we ruled that defendants were not entitled to a *Franks* hearing regarding the January 29 application. See T. March 22, 1982.

IV

[77] On March 1, 1979, Tonkovich made another application to Chief Judge Parsons for an order authorizing electronic surveillance under Title III. The application sought and the court granted authority to continue the tap at Amalgamated, and to intercept the conversations of Dorfman, Lombardo, defendant Thomas O'Malley, Sol Schwartz, Abe Chapman, Anthony LaMonica, Samuel LaMonica, Carl Thomas, William Webbe, Mildred Watson, David Dorfman (Allen Dorfman's son), Sandy LNU (last name unknown), Robert Bjornsen, Allen Glick and others yet unknown.[27] The application was supported by an affidavit executed by Wacks and transcripts of telephone conversations that had been intercepted pursuant to the January 29 surveillance order.

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[26] During the *Franks* hearing on the March 1 and 30 applications, defendants produced as an offer of proof an affidavit from Anthony LaMonica. Defendants have no satisfactory explanation for the tardiness of this offer. Mr. LaMonica claims that CI #2 was lying. Affidavit of Anthony LaMonica ¶9. Assuming that is the case, no *Franks* showing is made since Wacks and not CI #2 was the affiant. Mr. LaMonica also states that he was interviewed by the FBI and that he said nothing implicating Dorfman in a casino scheme. *Id.* ¶¶7, 12. For the same reasons that the Mullis affidavit is unpersuasive, the LaMonica affidavit fails to make out a *Franks* claim.

[27] Defendants Roy L. Williams and Amos Massa are not named in the March 1 order as persons whose conversations may be intercepted under the order. Thus, since the order does not authorize seizure of their conversations, these defendants may not challenge the order. By the same token, the order does not justify any interceptions that did occur in March of these defendants' conversations. The propriety of interceptions not explicitly authorized by the surveillance orders in this case is considered in Part VII-B *infra*.

A

The Bingo Palace, Slots-A-Fun and Horseshoe hidden interest allegations were repeated in the March 1 application. They were supported by essentially the same informant hearsay as had been contained in the January 29 application, except that the Wacks affidavit stated the CI # 1 and CI # 3 had been re-interviewed in the second week of February, and had updated their information. CI # 2 had been recontacted on February 8.

Defendants rely heavily on the fact that the application contains no allegations that calls pertinent to the January 29 offenses involving the three casinos had been intercepted. This, they argue, belied the informants' claims that the alleged conspirators were in frequent telephonic communication regarding their alleged criminal activity. The government responds by arguing that the failure to obtain interceptions pertinent to the January 29 allegations was explained by the fact that Dorfman was out of town for much of February, and that the surveillance did not include all telephone lines of Amalgamated or Dorfman's home phone, on which the sorts of conversations described by the informants may have taken place during February. However, these government explanations were not presented to Chief Judge Parsons in the March 1 application. The statute requires, in § 2518(1)(f), that extension applications contain a statement of results obtained to date, or an explanation of the failure to obtain results. The government's application did not contain the required explanation.

[78, 79] The omission was critical. The purpose of the warrant requirement is to make law enforcement officials submit their conclusions to a neutral and detached magistrate, so that the protections of the fourth amendment are secured by, and the decision that circumstances justify issuance of a warrant is made by the magistrate, instead of being left to the discretion of the officers. *See* pp. 358-361 *supra*. Here, Chief Judge Parsons was deprived of the opportunity to judge the adequacy of the government's explanation, and whether the failure to

obtain interceptions pertinent to the January 29 allegations rendered those allegations stale. Without either including interceptions corroborating the informants' allegations that pertinent conversations would be frequently intercepted, or explaining the failure to corroborate the allegations, there was both a statutory violation and no probable cause to authorize further surveillance based on the January 29 allegations.

[80] However, the failure of the government to justify continued interception on March 1 based on the Bingo Palace, Slots-A-Fun and Horseshoe allegations does not vitiate the March 1 order entered by Chief Judge Parsons, because those were not the only allegations in the application. In his affidavit, Wacks also alleged that the FBI had intercepted conversations pursuant to the January 29 wiretap order which "concern the promotion and management of hidden and unlawful financial interests in the Aladdin hotel-casino and possibly other casinos located in Las Vegas, Nevada." 1 App. I, Application of March 1, 1979; Ex. B at 53. The application went on to include transcripts of the conversations. In his introduction to the transcripts, Wacks provided Chief Judge Parsons with biographical material on the participants in the conversations, and explained the meaning of certain veiled references in the conversations. *Id.* at 53-53C.[28]

The transcripts, together with the gloss placed on them by Wacks, reveal the following. Two conversations intercepted by the FBI specifically dealt with an Aladdin transaction. On January 30, a conversation between David Dorfman and Sandy LNU was intercepted in which they discuss an attempt to refinance the Aladdin and Landmark casinos which was then being made by the Colonial Commercial Credit Corporation.

[28] For example, Wacks explained that references in the transcripts to "Tom" or "the Irishman" refer to defendant Thomas O'Malley. For purposes of the probable cause inquiry, we must accept these characterizations in the Wacks affidavit as true. Moreover, since defendants never challenge the accuracy of the characterizations contained in the affidavit, except for the characterization of the transcripts as Aladdin-related, we take the other characterizations of the transcripts as true even for the purposes of a *Franks* inquiry.

Another conversation with the same participants was intercepted on February 1, in which Sandy stated that Allen Dorfman had informed Sandy that the Aladdin deal was "dead." The two conversations, taken together, indicate that Allen Dorfman had been contacted by Sandy about the deal, was concerned about it and was going to have a meeting at some point in the future regarding the deal. *See id.* at 56-57E.

On January 30, a conversation involving Allen Dorfman, Lombardo, Amos Massa ("Massa") and William Webbe ("Webbe") was intercepted, in which they discuss, in veiled terms, their efforts to gain defendant Roy L. Williams' ("Williams") approval of their plan to have Massa and defendant Thomas O'Malley ("O'Malley") speak with an unnamed person about a "bid" which the conversants wanted "handled." *See id.* at 54-54H. On the next day, Webbe was intercepted speaking to one Robert Bjornsen ("Bjornsen"). The conversation indicated that Bjornsen had made an offer of some sort to Julian Burke, who was identified by Wacks as an employee of Victor Palmieri and Company, the manager of Fund real estate holdings west of the Mississippi River. *See id.* at 53B-53C. The transcript reveals that Dorfman had worked hard to get a bidder competing against Bjornsen to withdraw. Reference is also made to telling "the Senator" about the situation. *See id.* at 55-55E. A conversation intercepted on February 2 between Webbe and Lombardo also made reference to a bid on unidentified property and Dorfman's efforts to get a group to "back off." *See id.* at 58-58M. A series of four transcripts of calls intercepted on February 13 indicate that a bid had been rejected by "Palmieri," that the original bidder who had withdrawn was Allen Glick, the president of Argent Corporation which owns several Las Vegas hotel-casinos, that a new bid had been made by one Glussman, who was a concessionnaire of Argent's, and reference was made to the reactions of Massa, O'Malley and Williams to these developments. *See id.* at 59-62H.

[81] All parties agree that it was public knowledge in early 1979 that the Aladdin was for sale. *See generally* 1 App. III, Ex. K; Defendants' Ex. 160-61. Moreover, the transcripts explicitly linked David and Allen Dorfman to the Aladdin at

least to the extent that it showed they were interested in the Aladdin, following what was happening to it, and meeting with "some people" about it. At the same time, the transcripts show that Dorfman, Webbe, Bjornsen, Massa, O'Malley and Williams were talking about and concerned with a "bid". The bid coincides in time to the Aladdin's proposed sale and David and Allen Dorfman's interest in the Aladdin. The bid is further linked to the Aladdin since the bidders were Glick and Glussman, both of whom were involved in casinos. Given the veiled nature of the conversations, we conclude that it was reasonable for Chief Judge Parsons to have accepted Wacks' allegation that the conversations "concerned" the Aladdin. Whether the bid was on the Aladdin, or some other parcel of property related to the Aladdin is unclear, but a reasonably prudent person could have concluded that some link was established by the conversations. On their face, there is little in the transcripts which would lead one to believe that the bid that was withdrawn was not the very same deal regarding the Aladdin that Allen Dorfman had told Sandy LNU related to a deal on the Aladdin that was "dead." No other property except the Aladdin is mentioned in the transcripts, thus it was entirely logical for Chief Judge Parsons to have concluded that the bid referred to was on the Aladdin. In sum, granting Chief Judge Parsons' probable cause determination the deference to which it is entitled, we hold that the Aladdin allegations contained in the March 1 application, as supported by the attached transcripts, establish probable cause to believe that the persons named in the transcripts were engaged in illegal activity, and justify the extension of the wiretap which Chief Judge Parsons authorized on March 1.[29]

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[29] Defendants argue that the bid referred to could not have been on the Aladdin, since the transcripts mention a purchase price of $1.6 million, which was unrealistically low. *See id.* at 60C, 62G. However, the bid could have been on a fractional interest in the Aladdin. Defendants also claim that it was clear that the bid referred to undeveloped property and/or real estate since terms like "escrow," "construction costs," and "closing costs" were used with reference to the bid. However, we perceive no reason why sales of casinos cannot involve such matters. In any event, Wacks never alleged that the bid was directly on the Aladdin, but only that it "concerned" the Aladdin. The bid could have regarded refinancing of the casino through the sale and/or development of land related to the casino.

[82-89] Defendants argue that the government should have spelled out its theory of linkage between the bid and the Aladdin in the application, so that Chief Judge Parsons could have evaluated it. Defendants argue that, without explaining its theory, the government deprived Chief Judge Parsons of the "underlying facts" necessary to make a probable cause determination. T. 2059-66. As a matter of policy, we might agree with defendants. The application is unduly terse with respect to the Aladdin allegations. It might well have been helpful if Wacks had explained his interpretation of the transcripts in greater detail. However, whatever defects of draftsmanship the application may contain are not of constitutional or statutory magnitude. What were the "underlying facts" behind the Aladdin allegations besides the transcripts themselves? The purpose of the warrant requirement, as stated above, is to ensure that the inferences necessary to support probable cause are drawn by a neutral and detached magistrate. Defendants' complaint, in essence, is not that the government deprived Chief Judge Parsons of the opportunity to draw the Aladdin linkage inference, but that they made him work too hard to draw those inferences. By not explaining their theory, the inference of linkage had to be drawn entirely by Chief Judge Parsons, without help from the government. That may be the case, but it is hardly a violation of the warrant requirement. The government gave Chief Judge Parsons the raw facts, and left inference-drawing to the judge. That is what the warrant clause requires.[30] Our review of the four corners of the March 1

[30] Defendant O'Malley argues that there was not probable cause to name him as an authorized interceptee on March 1. We reject his argument. The transcript of the January 30 interception indicates that Dorfman and Lombardo agreed to send O'Malley to speak to Williams regarding the bid, in order to gain Williams' cooperation. *See id.* at 54G. In one of the February 13 interceptions, Webbe states that he and O'Malley went to Williams and discussed problems regarding the bid. *See id.* at 60E-60F. In another February 13 interception, Webbe tells Dorfman that O'Malley and Massa are "disgusted" with the way the bids are being handled. *See id.* at 61K-61L. From these transcripts, it was clear that O'Malley was following the progress of the deal, and that he was both interested in and knowledgeable about it. O'Malley may be correct that the transcripts do not indicate that O'Malley

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application persuades us that the Aladdin allegations were sufficient to justify the March 1 extension, and that those allegations were supported by sufficient underlying facts to satisfy the requirements of Title III and the fourth amendment.

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was actually engaged in the transaction and that he was merely present when it was discussed. However, this is of no moment. The test for probable cause is not whether O'Malley is guilty or involved in the underlying offense, but whether it is reasonably probable that evidence of the crime will be obtained by listening to him. Whether or not he was involved, the transcripts indicate that O'Malley probably was knowledgeable about the deal, and that as a result, there was a reasonable probability that evidence regarding the deal would be obtained by listening to O'Malley's conversations.

Even if O'Malley is correct that there was not probable cause to name him as an interceptee, this may not require the suppression of any evidence. All O'Malley's argument amounts to is the contention that even if the warrant lawfully authorized the seizure of the conversations of others, it did not lawfully authorize the seizure of his conversations. It is well settled that if a warrant is facially sufficient as to some but not all of the items which it states may be seized, then the warrant is not invalid in toto, but only is invalid as to the particular items the seizure of which was not sufficiently justified. *See* 2 W. LaFave, *supra* p. 13 § 4.6(f).

O'Malley accepts this proposition, but states that his argument is based not on the fourth amendment, but on the statute, which contains a broader suppression remedy than does the fourth amendment, under which the general proposition stated above developed. T. 2023-39. This argument overlooks the fact that the Supreme Court has stated that Title III was not generally intended to expand the scope of the suppression remedy beyond that contained in the fourth amendment. *See Scott v. United States,* 436 U.S. 128, 139, 98 S.Ct. 1717, 1724, 56 L.Ed.2d 168 (1978). In any event, it makes little sense to invalidate the warrant in its entirety, even as to items which Chief Judge Parsons lawfully ordered seized, merely because the warrant authorized seizure of additional items as well. Logically, the suppression remedy should include only items which the government would not have been able to seize but for the invalid portion of the warrant. *United States v. Donovan,* 429 U.S. 413, 97 S.Ct. 658, 50 L.Ed.2d 652 (1977), argues strongly for this result. There, the government failed to name all the individuals for whom it had probable cause in the application, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2518(1)(b)(iv) (1976). The Court held that suppression was not required.

> This case is unlike *Giordano* [*v. United States,* 416 U.S. 505, 94 S.Ct. 1820, 40 L.Ed.2d 341 (1975)], where failure to satisfy the statutory requirement of prior approval by specified Justice Department officials bypassed a congressionally imposed limitation on the use of the intercept procedure. The Court there noted that it was reasonable to believe that

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We granted defendants a *Franks* hearing on their claim that the March 1 Aladdin allegations were made in bad faith. Defendants' offer of proof established that the linkage asserted in the application between the "bid" conversations and the Aladdin was a misstatement. Indeed, the government now

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requiring prior approval from senior officials "would inevitably foreclose resort to wiretapping in various situations where investigative personnel would otherwise seek intercept authority from the court and the court would very likely authorize its use." 416 U.S. at 528 [94 S.Ct. at 1832]. Here, however, the statutorily imposed pre-conditions to judicial authorization were satisfied, and the issuing judge was simply unaware that additional persons might be overheard engaging in incriminating conversations. *In no meaningful sense can it be said that the presence of that additional information as to additional targets would have precluded judicial authorization of the intercept.*

429 U.S. at 435-36, 671-72 (footnote omitted) (emphasis supplied).

Here, similarly, the deletion of O'Malley's name as an authorized interceptee from the March 1 order would not have precluded judicial authorization for the intercept; there was still probable cause for the other named interceptees. It is illogical to suppress conversations which could have been lawfully intercepted even had the government omitted the allegedly tainted allegations regarding O'Malley, since the government's allegedly improper failure to omit O'Malley would not "have precluded judicial authorization of the intercept." In every conversation during which O'Malley was intercepted and which the government seeks to introduce at trial, O'Malley was speaking with a properly named interceptee. Thus, the government could have properly seized all these conversations under the valid part of the warrant, assuming that the O'Malley allegations were invalid. In short, the issue of whether O'Malley was properly named as an interceptee simply is not material; no conversations were intercepted solely on the basis of the allegedly invalid part of the warrant. Thus, we follow the holding of the Ninth Circuit that the government need not demonstrate probable cause for every person named as an interceptee in the order, and that suppression is not required merely because one person named as an interceptee was placed in the order without probable cause. *United States v. Martin*, 599 F.2d 880, 884-85 (9th Cir. 1979).

concedes that in reality, the "bid" conversations were unrelated to the Aladdin, and in fact involved a parcel of property located near the Las Vegas Country Club known as "Wonderworld."[31] Since, as we held above, the March 1 application stands or falls on the Aladdin allegations alone, these allegations are material within the meaning of *Franks*.[32] Moreover, while the question was not free from doubt, we were of the view that the conversations relied on by the government to establish its now discredited linkage theory were sufficiently ambiguous to warrant further factual inquiry into the good faith of Wacks and Tonkovich when they advanced the linkage theory to Chief Judge Parsons on March 1.

Since the defendants had established as a matter of law that the March 1 allegations regarding a plan to acquire a hidden interest in the Aladdin were material misstatements, the issue at the hearing was whether these misstatements were made intentionally, or in reckless disregard of the truth.

It is apparent that Wacks and Tonkovich knew by March 1 that the property which was being discussed in the bid conversations was not the Aladdin, but a separate parcel. *See, e.g.*, T. 1353-54, 1498-99, 1723. *See also* Defendants' Ex. 164-66. At the hearing, Wacks and Tonkovich testified, however, that the Aladdin allegations were justified since they believed the bid on the property being discussed was related to the Aladdin, for the reasons discussed in Part IV-A, *supra*. For example, Tonkovich testified,

> Q: [By Mr. Tucker] Well, you knew, if I understand it—if not by February 16th, pretty soon thereafter, that these conversations [included in the March 1 application] which

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[31] The indictment in this case proceeds on the theory that defendants sought to obtain the assistance of Sen. Howard Cannon of Nevada in opposing then-pending legislation deregulating the trucking industry by inducing the Fund, which owned Wonderworld, to sell it to a group headed by Sen. Cannon at a favorable price, and to induce those bidding against the Senator's group to withdraw.

[32] Concommitantly, any misrepresentations which may be contained in the March 1 application regarding Bingo Palace, Horseshoe or Slots-A-Fun are not material within the meaning of *Franks*.

related to a bid of $1.6 million, seven acres of land, homeowners, and so on, and so forth, that those related to a separate piece of real estate, not the Aladdin, correct?
A: That's correct.
Q: And the only basis upon which you or Agent Wacks was telling you that those conversations had anything to do with hidden interests in casinos was some belief that there might be—and that is Agent Wacks' language—might be a tie in between that land and the—the bids on that land and the Aladdin, right? That was your theory at that point in time.
A: No, I wouldn't say that. That's not the only basis for it.
Q: Well, you had two conversations that you had intercepted, one I believe on January 30, one on February 1, right?
A: I don't remember specifically—
Q: In which Dorfman and Sandy LNU spoke about the Aladdin specifically?
A: Right in the beginning. I don't remember specific dates.
Q: As of the 16th of February, had Agent Wacks given you any other information, other than the existence of those two calls, to support the theory or idea that the Wonderworld conversations had some link with the Aladdin?

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A: Well, you have to understand that if you are just segregating those two calls, you have to put it in the context of the fact that this was a hidden interest investigation. There was a number of—there was a lot of information relating to hidden interests that we had in the informant information, what we knew previously, the fact that those calls were calls that were right at the same time of the calls that related to what we now know as Wonderworld, and it seemed reasonable to believe that that was a hidden interest call and that they were connected. It

> is easy to look back now three years later and to view that, but at the time it certainly seemed reasonable as they were coming in the calls [sic].

T. 1713-16. To similar effect, *see, e.g.*, T. 1363-66, 1738-40.

Defendants' theory is as follows. Defendants respond to the government's linkage theory by pointing out that the theory was never explained to Chief Judge Parsons. *See, e.g.*, T. 1758-64. Instead, Tonkovich and Wacks misled Chief Judge Parsons into believing the bid was directly on the Aladdin. The inference of an intent to mislead is strengthened by the fact that when the FBI started to intercept conversations which rather explicitly indicated that the bid was not on the Aladdin itself, transcripts of the conversations were not submitted to Chief Judge Parsons. *See* Defendants' Ex. 170-76.[33] Wacks' credibility is further undermined because he continued to represent to Chief Judge Parsons in his affidavits that calls pertinent to Bingo Palace, Slots-A-Fun and Horseshoe were being intercepted, when this was not the case. *See* T. 1586-1636.[34] In sum, defendants argue, the failure to spell out the linkage theory represents a conscious decision to be less than candid with Chief Judge Parsons, and that coupled with the fact that

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[33] Defendants also argue, at some length, that Wacks also misled the Department of Justice attorneys assigned to the case regarding the linkage theory. *See* T. 1984-92. However, whether this was the case is immaterial. We are concerned only with the good faith of Wacks' representations to Chief Judge Parsons.

[34] This testimony was originally taken as an offer of proof, but since substantially all of the testimony involved was in fact adduced, and since the government neither renewed its objection to the offer nor moved to strike it, we have considered the testimony on the merits.

Defendants also argue that Wacks' testimony indicates he knew the linkage theory was meritless, since the facts he stated he learned from a confidential informant on April 10 which convinced him there was in fact no linkage were actually known to him back in February. T. 1515, 1994. However, this is factually incorrect. On April 10, Wacks learned for the first time that the alleged plot to bribe Senator Cannon was definitely not casino-related, and learned other details of the plot which he had never previously known. T. 1515-22; Defendants' Exhibit 30 at 21-22, 32-34.

the transcripts revealed the relationship between the bid conversations and the Aladdin was tenuous at best, means that Wacks and Tonkovich either intended to mislead Chief Judge Parsons, or proceed in reckless disregard for the truth.

While defendants' argument does have a certain force, it does not carry the day. As an initial matter, defendants are incorrect when they state that the March 1 application indicates that the "bid" was directly on the Aladdin. In fact, the application states only that the conversations "concern" a hidden interest in the Aladdin. This language surely encompasses a linkage theory. Moreover, the testimony indicates that the linkage theory was not spelled out in greater detail because the government was concerned about compromising the identities of its confidential informants. *See* T. 1758-64.[35] In light of the language of the application, it is not quite fair to say that the application led Chief Judge Parsons to believe that the bid was "on" the Aladdin when Tonkovich and Wacks knew it was not. In fact, much of the language of the transcripts that were submitted to Chief Judge Parsons seem to indicate that in fact the bid referred to may not have been on the Aladdin, but on other property. *See* note 29 *supra.*

[90, 91] Moreover, defendants' burden under *Franks* is to demonstrate intentional falsehoods or reckless disregard for truth. Defendants have produced little evidence of intent; nothing in either the transcripts of intercepted conversations or the other information made available to Wacks and the Department of Justice attorneys is flatly inconsistent with a linkage theory. To prove recklessness, much less intent, defendants must demonstrate, as we held at p. 368-369 *supra,* the actual presence of substantial doubts as to the truth of the linkage theory in the minds of the applicants, or obvious reasons that they should have doubted the information. Yet, if there is one word which does not describe the conversations the government believed were Aladdin-related, it is "obvious". All the conversations are easily characterized as veiled. *See, e.g.,* T. 1478-80.

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[35] Under 18 U.S.C. § 2518(9) (Supp. II 1978) defendants are entitled to receive copies of the Title III applications of right.

In light of the ambiguity that runs rampant in the transcripts, we cannot conclude that the characterization of the conversations as Aladdin-related was in bad faith.

[92] The linkage theory advanced in the March 1 application is further enhanced by Defendants' Ex. 168, a United States Department of Labor report indicating that the Fund had made loans to, and had an interest in the Aladdin. Wacks testified that he learned these facts from his conversations with Special Agent Richard Huston of the FBI, who had contacted the Department of Labor, and had further learned that Victor Palmieri and Company managed Fund assets west of the Mississippi. *See* T. 1235-36, 1242, 1375-77. Thus, the references to Palmieri in the "bid" conversations as the entity handling the "bid" suggested a link to the Aladdin, since Wacks knew that Palmieri managed the Fund's interest in the Aladdin. This in turn suggests Wacks' good faith when he advanced his linkage theory in the March 1 application.

Two additional factors lead to the conclusion that the government did not intend to or recklessly mislead Chief Judge Parsons. First, the March 1 application, like all the extension applications in this case, included the actual transcripts which Wacks was relying on to establish his linkage theory. The application thus permitted Chief Judge Parsons to examine the underlying facts and draw his own conclusions as to whether the transcripts involved Aladdin-related transactions. The government did little to characterize the transcripts; it let Chief Judge Parsons draw his own conclusions. As Tonkovich testified, "Well, we didn't submit my belief. We submitted the entire transcripts of those conversations." T. 1753. Second, internal Department of Justice documents indicate that Wacks and his colleagues involved in the electronic surveillance really did believe in the linkage theory. The summaries of pertinent intercepts which were prepared by the FBI agents involved in this case were coded, and the "bid" related conversations were coded into two separate files, one on the Aladdin, and one on "golf course property" which was a reference to Won-

derworld.[36] This double coding procedure indicates that the agents really did believe that the "bid" conversations, which the government now concedes were related to Wonderworld, were linked in some way to the Aladdin. Additionally, a teletype sent from the Chicago field office of the FBI to the Director, dated February 14, 1979, states that the "bid" calls "relate to" the Aladdin. *See* Defendants' Ex. 163. As counsel for O'Malley points out, "they never, never intentionally mislead the Director." T. 2017. This teletype is persuasive evidence that the FBI truly believed in its linkage theory, and did not offer it for the purpose of misleading Chief Judge Parsons.[37]

For the reasons outlined above, defendants have failed to demonstrate that the incorrect March 1 Aladdin allegations were either intentional misrepresentations, or made with reckless disregard for the truth. There was no *Franks* violation on March 1.

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[36] *See, e.g.,* Government's Ex. 11, NDI 166, 2:31 P.M. (February 2, 1979); NDI 166, 10:15 (March 5, 1979); NDI 174, 10:45 A.M. (March 14, 1979); NDI 165, 3:41 P.M. (March 19, 1979); NDI 164, 12:23 P.M. (April 6, 1979). *See generally* Defendants' Exhibit 102.

The linkage theory is further enhanced since certain February calls not contained in the March 1 application made it clear that the "bid" was on property located in Las Vegas, giving the government yet another link between the "bid" and the Aladdin. *See, e.g., id.* NDI 167, 1:00 P.M. (February 12, 1979).

Certain summaries from Government's Exhibit 11 are also contained in Defendants' Exhibits 100 and 101.

[37] Defendants' argument that Wacks' inclusion of the Bingo Palace, Slots-A-Fun and Horseshoe allegations in his extension application affidavits impeaches his credibility is not without force. Certainly Wacks was wrong to continue to include those allegations even after it was clear that no pertinent conversations were being intercepted. However, this evidence is of limited probative value. The testimony regarding these allegations is inadmissible under Fed.R.Evid. 608(b), since defendants relied on extrinsic evidence to prove the falsity of these allegations, contrary to the command of the rule. Moreover, while we have considered the evidence, we note that it is of dubious value, since it relies on a propensity inference: if Wacks misled Judge Parsons on one occasion, he would do it on others. That is the exact sort of inference considered suspect and of marginal probative value under Fed.R.Evid. 404(b). Thus, defendants' reliance on these allegations is insufficient to rebut the evidence of good faith regarding the linkage theory which is discussed above.

V

On March 30, 1979, the government applied for an extension of the Title III order through Thomas J. Fleischmann, a Department of Justice attorney. The application sought authority to continue the tap at Amalgamated, and to intercept the conversations of Allen Dorfman, Sol Schwartz, Abe Chapman, Anthony LaMonica, Samuel LaMonica, Carl Thomas, Lombardo, Webbe, Mildred Watson, David Dorfman, Sandy LNU, Bjornsen, Glick, O'Malley, Chris Christensen, Ed Talbot and others yet unknown. The application was again supported by Wacks' affidavit and transcripts of conversations previously intercepted.

A

The January 29 Bingo Palace, Slots-A-Fun and Horseshoe allegations were repeated in the March 30 application and affidavit, supported only by updated information from CI # 1, # 2 and # 3. These allegations fail to provide probable cause for the same reasons that their predecessors were insufficient on March 1.

The March 30 application also contained the same set of Aladdin allegations that had first appeared on March 1. The allegations were supported by essentially the same transcripts that had been included on March 1, together with a number of additional transcripts. A February 22 call between Bjornsen and Webbe was included, in which Webbe states that he intends to go to Las Vegas to discuss the "deal"—referring to the "bid" discussed in Part IV-A, *supra*—with Dorfman and others. *See* 2 App. I, Application of March 30, 1979, Ex. B at 87-87G. A March 9 call between Bjornsen and Webbe was also included, in which they discuss the mechanics of the "bid" and "Palmieri's" concerns about it. *See id.* at 90-90G. Finally, two March 19 transcripts were provided to Chief Judge Parsons in the application. In the first, David Dorfman tells Webbe that "we're" going to "doctor up an offer" to purchase "the six

acres . . . the uh, Las Vegas Country Club property." *See id.* at 91-91L. In the second, Bjornsen tells David Dorfman that he has "double checked that package on the casino" and fills him in on the casino's operations. *See id.* at 92-92L.

If anything, the probable cause showing on the Aladdin allegations is stronger on March 30 than it was on March 1, since the transcripts reinforce the link between the "bid" and the Aladdin. The February 22 call shows that the bid probably involves Las Vegas property, and Bjornsen, who up to March 19 has been involved solely with the "bid," refers in the March 19 call to a "casino package" with which he has been involved. The inference is unmistakably clear that the bid Bjornsen has been working on is his attempt to front for David Dorfman and others in their attempt to acquire a hidden interest in a casino. The Aladdin allegations were supported by probable cause on March 30.

However, the government need not rely on the Aladdin allegations in order to support the March 30 allegations, since the application also contains an entirely new set of allegations which independently establish probable cause with respect to an attempt to offer kickbacks with the intent of influencing the operation of an employee benefit plan, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 664 (1976).

The allegations were supported by hearsay statements which Wacks attributed to a new informant, CI # 7. CI # 7 stated that the Fund's trustees were negotiating with two individuals, Chris Christensen ("Christensen") and Ed Talbot ("Talbot") who were seeking to write errors and omissions bonds for the trustees. Talbot and Christensen, according to CI # 7, owned the Casualty and Indemnity Company, Ltd., located in Belize City, Belize, Central America ("C & I"). C & I was allegedly a "scam company" because its assets were in fact non-existent. C & I possessed fraudulent securities which it deposited in foreign banks and which enabled it to obtain a line of credit although it had, in reality, no legitimate assets.

CI # 7 went on to state that at a meeting in Miami, Florida on January 18 and 19, 1979, the trustees had reached a tentative agreement with Christensen and Talbot to purchase the bonds from C & I. The Fund would pay a premium to C & I, of which 10 percent would be kicked back to the trustees, and 20 percent to Dorfman through Amalgamated. The Fund would also initially invest $5 million in C & I at a low rate of return, and later invest a like amount. CI # 7 indicated that C & I was seeking to purchase the Kokomo National Life Insurance Company, located in Kokomo, Indiana in order to enable it to operate in the United States and obtain the approval of the Department of Labor to deal with the Fund.

As the government concedes, CI # 7's allegations must be tested under the standards of *Aguilar/Spinelli*. As to the first prong, CI # 7 stated that his allegations were based on his personal observation of the conspirators, and Wacks stated that CI # 7's information had been updated in the first week of March. Given the ongoing nature of the conspiracy, the allegations were not stale, and given the fact that they are based on personal observation and are highly specific, there is ample basis to conclude that they are based on something more substantial than casual rumor. The first prong of *Aguilar/Spinelli* is satisfied.

As to the second prong, Wacks stated the CI # 7 had provided information in the past to the FBI regarding major thefts and manipulation of securities which had been independently corroborated by the FBI. As a result, Wacks considered CI # 7 reliable. The specificity of the information provided also enhanced its reliability. Finally, ample corroboration of CI # 7's allegations is found in the transcripts that Wacks included in the application.

The application contained a transcript of a February 1, 1979 conversation between Jim Kalil and Marty Wolfinsohn, who was an Amalgamated employee. In it reference is made to Sol Schwartz' involvement in some sort of underhanded scheme involving kickbacks. The scheme was said to involve the Fund's plan to purchase a $5 million annuity, and a ten percent

fee paid to a company located in south Central America. A meeting involving the scheme was also referred to as having taken place in Florida. *See* 2 App. I, Application of March 30, 1979, Ex. B at 100-00W. A February 12 call was included, in which Jim Lanigan, a Fund attorney, spoke to Sol Schwartz and was told that Christensen was waiting to hear from him. *See id.* at 101-01C. A February 13 call was intercepted in which Lanigan spoke with Schwartz again, and told Schwartz that he had contacted the Director of Insurance in Indiana regarding Kokomo National Life Insurance Company. *See id.* at 102-20C. A transcript dated February 13 reveals that Talbot had called Schwartz, explaining that Christensen had told him to call. Schwartz stated that there were problems developing with the deal because the Fund's attorneys had contacted the Indiana Insurance Department. He also stated that the deal was a "great, ah, ah, an opportunity for all of us." *See id.* at 103-03J. A February 16 transcript indicated that one Charles Rosenthal called Schwartz and discussed Christensen and Talbot's proposal and the meeting in Florida. *See id.* at 105-05D. Finally, a February 20 transcript of a conversation between Schwartz and Talbot reveals that Schwartz was preparing to meet with the Fund's attorneys, and thought he might need Christensen and Talbot's help at the meeting. Reference was also made to depositing a check for $5 million at a bank designated by "Kokomo." *See id.* at 106-06D.

[93, 94] These transcripts provide ample corroboration of important elements of CI # 7's allegations, and therefore an adequate basis for the reliability of the hearsay attributed to CI # 7. CI # 7's allegations pass muster under both prongs of *Arguilar/Spinelli* and independently provide probable cause to continue the Title III surveillance on March 30.[38]

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[38] Defendants argue that the C & I scheme allegations were stale, since no conversation had been intercepted which involved them since February 20. While this is of some concern, it must be borne in mind that the C & I scheme is the sort of complex and ongoing conspiracy that is not likely to be quickly consummated. For example, it is reasonable to assume that the Fund's attorneys would take some time after the meeting referred to in the February 20 intercept transcript as upcoming before deciding whether to approve C & I's offer. Moreover, it is also logical to assume that relevant conversations

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B

Defendants were granted a *Franks* hearing on the Aladdin allegations contained in the March 30 application for the same reasons that they received such a hearing on the March 1 Aladdin allegations. However, defendants' March 30 *Franks* claim, based on the evidence adduced at the hearing, fares no better than did their March 1 claim.

The factors which led us to conclude that the linkage theory underlying the Aladdin allegations was advanced in good faith on March 1 apply equally to March 30. The language of the application, the veiled nature of the conversations, Wacks' knowledge of a link between Victor Palmieri and Company and the Aladdin, Wacks' submission of the actual transcripts in the application, and the internal Department of Justice documents placed in evidence at the hearing all point to the conclusion that Wacks and Fleischmann did not intentionally or recklessly mislead Chief Judge Parsons. If anything, defendants' *Franks* theory is even weaker on March 30 than on March 1, for at least three reasons. First, the presence of the C & I scheme allegations in the March 30 affidavit as a separate basis for probable cause may mean that the March 30 Aladdin allegations are not "material" under *Franks*.[39] Second, the March 19 transcript which was sub-

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might have taken place over Amalgamated's lines subsequent to February 20, but were not monitored or reported as pertinent by the monitoring agents, since until Chief Judge Parsons approved the C & I scheme allegations on March 30, the FBI lacked authority to listen for calls related to that scheme, especially when they involved persons such as Talbot, Christensen, Kalil and Wolfensen, who were not authorized interceptees under the January 29 and March 1 orders. In light of these considerations, and mindful that the staleness inquiry is necessarily a relative one, we are of the view that the C & I allegations were not stale because of the failure to intercept a related conversation for approximately 30 days prior to the time the March 30 application was prepared.

[39] Defendants do not attempt to make a *Franks* showing with respect to the C & I scheme allegations. Nevertheless, we will treat the *Franks* claim on March 30 as involving material allegations, since those allegations were necessary to sustain at least part of the authority the government received from Chief Judge Parsons on March 30.

mitted to Chief Judge Parsons of a conversation between David Dorfman and Webbe completely destroys defendants' theory that the government intentionally or recklessly led Chief Judge Parsons to believe that the "bid" conversations involved a bid directly on the Aladdin, when the government knew this was not the case. The transcript unambiguously reveals that the bid was not on the Aladdin but on six acres of Las Vegas Country Club property. *See* 2 App. I, Application of March 30, 1979, Ex. B at 91-91L. Defendants' assertion that the government sought to lead Chief Judge Parsons to believe the bid was on the Aladdin by withholding any transcripts which indicated otherwise is unsupportable in light of the submission of this transcript on March 30. Third, the March intercepts seemed to establish a link between Bjornsen, the man who was involved in the "bid," and a casino transaction, in light of the March 19 conversation between David Dorfman and Bjornsen that was submitted to Chief Judge Parsons. *See id.* at 92-92L. This strengthened the linkage theory, and enhanced the government's justification for advancing it. Accordingly, defendants' *Franks* claim as to the March 30 application and order is rejected.

VI

[95] On April 7, 1979, the government, once again through Fleischmann, supported by Wacks' affidavit, submitted a Title III application to Chief Judge Parsons. The April 7 application sought authority to extend the electronic surveillance to two telephone lines at Dorfman's personal residence in Deerfield, Illinois, a private line of Webbe's at Amalgamated, and to electronically intercept oral conversations taking place at Amalgamated in the offices of Webbe and Dorfman. Defendants' attack on the April 7 application is brief, as will be our discussion of it.

The April 7 application was supported by essentially the same information that had been included in the March 30 application, and defendants essentially repeat the arguments that they made against the March 30 application on both

probable cause and *Franks* grounds. We need not repeat here our view as to why those arguments fall short of the mark. Suffice it to say that those issues were fully discussed in Part V, *supra.*

Defendants' only new attack on the April 7 application is that the Aladdin allegations it contains were based on stale information. However, the application did contain a summary of a recently intercepted call which belies defendants' claim. The Wacks affidavit states that on March 29, a call was intercepted between Webbe and Williams in which Williams inquires as to the status of the deal "out west." Webbe replies that the deal is still alive and that Bjornsen and others are still working on finalizing it. 3 App. I, Application of April 7, 1979, Ex. B at 89D. The reference to a deal "out west," and the involvement of Webbe and Bjornsen linked this conversation to the previous "bid" conversations, which we have held were properly linked to the Aladdin. The conversation also demonstrates that the transaction was ongoing as of March 29, a sufficiently recent date so that Chief Judge Parsons was correct to conclude, in light of the prolonged nature of the criminal activity alleged in the application, that the Aladdin allegations were not stale.

In all other respects, defendants' probable cause and *Franks* arguments duplicate those advanced with respect to March 30, and should be rejected for the same reasons as were discussed in Part V, *supra.*[40]

VII

Defendants' final line of attack focuses on alleged defects in the applications submitted by the government and the orders issued by Chief Judge Parsons under the statutory scheme enacted by Congress in Title III. *See* 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510-20 (1976 & Supp. II 1978). The defendants contend, *inter alia,* that the applications and orders do not set out with sufficient

[40] The April 7 application does raise some statutory issues with respect to the need for expanding the Title III surveillance. These are discussed in Part VII-C, *infra.*

particularity the place to be searched, and items to be seized, § 2518(1)(b), (4)(c), and (5); fail to limit adequately the scope of the authorized surveillance, § 2518(5); do not adequately disclose prior related wiretaps, § 2518(1)(e); fail to comply with the requirement that the government establish the need for electronic surveillance, § 2518(1)(c); and finally that the government failed to timely apply for permission to use the intercepted conversations in the case at bar, § 2517(5). Defendants further contend that even if the applications and orders are deemed sufficient under the statute, the government's conduct during the surveillance violated the court orders and the statute.

A

Title III was passed by Congress in large part as an attempt to structure an electronic surveillance statute in compliance with the holdings of the Supreme Court in *Berger v. New York,* 388 U.S. 41, 87 S.Ct. 1873, 18 L.Ed.2d 1040 (1967) and *Katz v. United States,* 389 U.S. 347, 88 S.Ct. 507, 19 L.Ed.2d 576 (1967). See S.Rep. 1097, supra p. 31 at 27, 66, 2112, 2153. In *Berger* the Court held that any authorization to intercept conversations by electronic means must meet the particularity requirement of the fourth amendment's warrant clause and adequately describe the place to be searched and the thing to be seized. 388 U.S. at 55-58, 87 S.Ct. at 1881-83. The New York statute at issue in *Berger* was found wanting because it lacked any particularity requirement; it only required probable cause that evidence of a crime might be obtained by the eavesdrop without detailing what crime was at issue and what conversations were to be seized. *Id.*

[96] In response to this concern with particularity Congress required in Title III that every application contain information detailing the particular offense under investigation, the nature and location of the property where the interception is to take place, the type of communications sought to be intercepted and the persons known to be committing the alleged offense. *See* § 2518(1)(b)(i)-(iv). In addition any order authorizing

oral interception must contain "a particular description of the type of communication sought to be intercepted, and a statement of the particular offense to which it relates", § 2518(4)(c), and instructions to the effect that "[e]very order and extension thereof . . . shall be conducted in such a way as to minimize the interception under this chapter," § 2518(5).[41] These statutory commands are adequate to embody the particularity requirement of the fourth amendment in the context of electronic surveillance. *See United States v. Licavoli*, 604 F.2d 613, 620 (9th Cir. 1979), *cert. denied*, 446 U.S. 935, 100 S.Ct. 2151, 64 L.Ed.2d 787 (1980); *United States v. Tortorello*, 480 F.2d 764, 779-80 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 414

[41] The Supreme Court has decided several cases under Title III and has yet to express any doubt that the statute is sufficient to meet the constitutional objections raised in *Berger* and *Katz*. *See Scott v. United States*, 436 U.S. 128, 98 S.Ct. 1717, 56 L.Ed.2d 168 (1978); *United States v. Donovan*, 429 U.S. 413, 97 S.Ct. 658, 50 L.Ed.2d 652 (1977); *United States v. Giordano*, 416 U.S. 505, 94 S.Ct. 1820, 40 L.Ed.2d 341 (1974); *United States v. Chavez*, 416 U.S. 562, 94 S.Ct. 1849, 40 L.Ed.2d 380 (1974); *United States v. Kahn*, 415 U.S. 143, 94 S.Ct. 977, 39 L.Ed.2d 225 (1974). Moreover, lower courts which have considered the question have held almost unanimously that Title III is sufficient to meet the commands of the fourth amendment. *See United States v. Turner*, 528 F.2d 143, 158-160 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 423 U.S. 996, 96 S.Ct. 426, 46 L.Ed.2d 371 (1975); *United States v. Ramsey*, 503 F.2d 524, 526-32 (7th Cir. 1974), *cert. denied*, 420 U.S. 932, 95 S.Ct. 1136, 43 L.Ed.2d 405 (1975); *United States v. Martinez*, 498 F.2d 464, 467-68 (6th Cir.) *cert. denied*, 419 U.S. 1056, 95 S.Ct. 639, 42 L.Ed.2d 654 (1974); *United States v. James*, 494 F.2d 1007, 1012-13 (D.C.Cir.1974); *United States v. Tortorello*, 480 F.2d 764, 771-75 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 414 U.S. 866, 38 L.Ed.2d 86 (1973) (substantially similar New York state statute); *United States v. Whitaker*, 474 F.2d 1246 (3d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 412 U.S. 950, 93 S.Ct. 3014, 37 L.Ed.2d 1003 (1973), *rev'g*, 343 F.Supp. 358 (E.D.Pa.1972); *United States v. Cafero*, 473 F.2d 489, 493-501 (3d Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 417 U.S. 918, 94 S.Ct. 2662, 41 L.Ed.2d 223 (1974); *United States v. Cox*, 462 F.2d 1293 (8th Cir. 1972) *cert. denied*, 417 U.S. 918, 94 S.Ct. 2623, 41 L.Ed.2d 223 (1974).

We agree with the overwhelming authority that the statute is sufficient to meet the requirements of the Constitution and believe that further discussion on the subject, already exhaustively treated elsewhere, would not be helpful. Our discussion, therefore, focuses on the statutory requirements which may in fact be more restrictive than the Constitution requires. *See United States v. Ramsey*, 503 F.2d at 531.

U.S. 886, 94 S.Ct. 63, 38 L.Ed.2d 86 (1973); *United States v. Bynum,* 386 F.Supp. 449, 460 (S.D.N.Y.1974), *aff'd,* 513 F.2d 533 (2d Cir. 1975); *United States v. Mainello,* 345 F.Supp. 863, 871 (E.D.N.Y.1972).

> The Fourth Amendment requires specification of the "place to be searched and the person or things to be seized." In the wiretap context, those requirements are satisfied by identification of the telephone line to be tapped and the particular conversation to be seized.

United States v. Donovan, 429 U.S. 413, 427 n. 15, 97 S.Ct. 658, 668 n.15, 50 L.Ed.2d 652 (1977). In interpreting the sufficiency of the application and order we apply a "commonsense" reading of the language taken as a whole and avoid "hypertechnical" interpretations. *United States v. Ventrasca,* 380 U.S. 102, 108-09, 85 S.Ct. 741, 745-46, 13 L.Ed.2d 684 (1965).

[97-99] The defendants here challenge the sufficiency of the application's description of the premises where the surveillance took place. In interpreting the sufficiency of the description we are mindful of the fact that Title III, like the fourth amendment, protects people, not places. *See Katz v. United States,* 389 U.S. at 351, 88 S.Ct. at 511; *United States v. Tortorello,* 480 F.2d at 780; *United States v. Bynum,* 386 F.Supp. at 460. Thus, the purpose of the description of the premises is to inform the authorizing judge of the privacy interests involved in permitting surveillance of particular telephone lines. Technical accuracy in the order or application is not required. *See United States v. Feldman,* 606 F.2d 673, 680 (6th Cir. 1979); *United States v. Sklaroff,* 506 F.2d 837, 840 (5th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 423 U.S. 876, 96 S.Ct. 142, 46 L.Ed.2d 105 (1975). The orders here correctly describe the place to be searched by listing the address where the interception was to take place and the telephone numbers involved. More importantly, reading the application and affidavit as a whole they

clearly describe the nature and use of the premises as required by § 2518(1)(b).[42] Defendants' contention that the affidavit failed to disclose the number of employees at Amalgamated and the volume of calls coming over the lines is the type of technical detail which is not required. Where it is clear that the authorizing judge was informed of the nature and use of the premises generally, and the order specifically identifies the premises and which lines are to be tapped, the place to be searched requirements of the fourth amendment and the statute are satisfied.

The second aspect of particularity is the identification of the items to be seized in the course of the search. This prong of the particularity test is addressed by § 2518(4)(c), requiring identification of the offense to which the communications must relate, and the directive to minimize the interception of unrelated conversations, § 2518(5). *See United States v. Clerkley,* 556 F.2d 709, 715 & n. 3 (4th Cir. 1977); *United States v. Daly,* 535 F.2d 434, 440-41 (8th Cir. 1976); *United States v. Tortorello,* 480 F.2d at 779, *see* S.Rep. 1097 supra p. 31, at 103, 2192.

[100] Electronic surveillance, by its very nature, involves difficulties in identifying with particularity the things to be seized. A conversation, unlike physical evidence, cannot be described with precision, nor can it be immediately determined upon "observing" it whether it is subject to the warrant or order. Thus, the recognition that electronic surveillance is permissible at all under the fourth amendment, requires adoption of a flexible approach which takes into account the difficulties of identifying the conversations to be seized. *See Scott v. United States,* 436 U.S. 128, 140-42, 98 S.Ct. 1717, 1724-25, 56 L.Ed.2d 168 (1978); *Andresen v. Maryland,* 427 U.S. 463, 482 n. 11, 96 S.Ct. 2737, 2749 n.11, 49 L.Ed.2d 627 (1976). The Second Circuit recognized the problem in Tortorello:

> [A] pragmatic approach has been taken with respect to the particularity requirement. A specific crime or a specific

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[42] *See* 1 App. I, Order of January 29 at 1-2; Affidavit of January 29 at 25, 29, 41, 43. The information, identifying the nature of the business and indicating the high volume of insurance handled by the office, was contained in all subsequent affidavits in support of applications for extensions.

> series of related crimes must be identified. Although the nature and type of the anticipated conversations must be described, the actual content need not and cannot be stated since the conversations have not yet taken place at the time the application is made and it is virtually impossible for an applicant to predict exactly what will be said concerning a specific crime. *United States v. Sklaroff,* 323 F.Supp. 296, 307 (S.D.Fla.1971). The order must be broad enough to allow interception of any statements concerning a specified pattern of crime. In determining whether the order and application are sufficiently particular, the papers as a whole must be considered, including especially those portions which recite facts intended to establish probable cause.

United States v. Tortorello, 480 F.2d at 780.

[101-104] The principal mechanism for insuring particularity is the description of the crime to which the interceptions must relate. *See* § 2518(4)(c). Where the alleged offense is set out with sufficient detail and the authorization permits interception of any conversations relating to that offense, the statute and the Constitution are satisfied. *See United States v. Jacob,* 657 F.2d 49, 52 (4th Cir. 1981) (seizure of documents); *United States v. Brien,* 617 F.2d 299, 307 (5th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 446 U.S. 919, 100 S.Ct. 1854, 64 L.Ed.2d 273 (1980); *United States v. Licavoli,* 604 F.2d at 620; *United States v. Cohen,* 530 F.2d 43, 45-56 (5th Cir. 1976); *United States v. Loften,* 518 F.Supp. 839, 844 (S.D.N.Y.1981); *Losinno v. Henderson,* 420 F.Supp. 380, 385-86 (S.D.N.Y.1976); *United States v. Ripka,* 349 F.Supp. 539, 542 (E.D.Pa.1972), *aff'd,* 480 F.2d 918 (3d Cir. 1973). In the instant case the January 29 application and affidavit were sufficient to establish probable cause to investigate the alleged promotion, management and attempts to acquire hidden interests in Nevada gaming establishments in violation of the Nevada Gaming Control Act, Nev.Rev.Stat. §§ 463.160, 463.170, 463.200, 463.360, 463.520, 463.530 (1977); the Racketeering and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), 18 U.S.C. §§ 1952, 1961-63 (1976); and con-

spiracy laws, 18 U.S.C. § 371 (1976). *See* p. 370 *supra.*[43] The order in this case limits the authorized objective to interception of evidence of the named offenses and the "manner in which" the named individuals participate in the promotion, management or attempts to acquire hidden and unlawful interests in Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada gambling casinos.[44] Warrants far more general in language than this, authorizing the seizure of "any evidence" so long as it is related to a specified crime, have been held to meet the particularity requirements. *See Andresen v. Maryland,* 427 U.S. 463, 479-481, 96 S.Ct. 2737, 2748-49, 49 L.Ed.2d 627 (1976); *see also United States v. Bithoney,* 631 F.2d 1, 2 (5th Cir. 1980), *cert. denied,* 449 U.S. 1083, 101 S.Ct. 869, 66 L.Ed.2d 808 (1981)(seizure of documents); *United States v. Licavoli,* 604 F.2d at 620; *In Re Search Warrant Dated July 4, 1977,* 572 F.2d 321, 323-28 (D.C.Cir.1977) (per curiam), *cert. denied,* 435 U.S. 925, 98 S.Ct. 1491, 55 L.Ed2d 519 (1978) (seizure of documents); *United States v. Cohen,* 530 F.2d at 46; *United States v. Tortorello,* 480 F.2d at 481.[45]

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[43] *See* 1 App. I, Application of January 29, and accompanying affidavit as discussed *supra.*

[44] *See id.,* Order of January 29 at 6-7. Subsequent orders insofar as they relate to the same offense contain similar language.

[45] Defendants attempt to compare the order in the instant case with warrants struck down as overbroad in *United States v. Roche,* 614 F.2d 6 (1st Cir. 1980) and *in Re Application of LaFayette Academy,* 610 F.2d 1 (1st Cir. 1979). The *Roche* case makes clear that while the application at issue described the alleged offense with particularity, the warrant issued permitted seizure of any document which was evidence of a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341, the generic mail fraud statute, 614 F.2d at 7. Thus on its face the warrant permitted seizure of any document related to a mail fraud offense and was not limited by the showing of probable cause made in the application and affidavit. The order in the instant case, by contrast, does not give agents authority to seize under the generic RICO and conspiracy statutes—it is specifically limited by inclusion of the predicate offense, violation of the Nevada Gaming Laws, in the authorization. The inclusion of the predicate offense, or a description of the alleged conspiracy in the order itself, is enough to meet the particularity requirement. *See Andresen,* 427 U.S. at 480-81, 96 S.Ct. at 2748-49; *see also United States v. Jacob,* 657 F.2d at 50-52; *United States v. Bithoney,* 631 F.2d at 2-3; *United States v. Loften,* 518 F.Supp. at 844.

[105] The particularity requirement of the warrant clause is also addressed by the statutory command to "minimize" interception of non-relevant conversations. *See* § 2518(5); *United States v. Clerkley,* 556 F.2d 709, 715 (4th Cir. 1977); *United States v. DePalma,* 461 F.Supp. 800, 817 (S.D.N.Y. 1978); *United States v. Focarile,* 340 F.Supp. 1033, 1044 (D.Md.), *aff'd sub nom, United States v. Giordano,* 469 F.2d 522 (4th Cir. 1972) *aff'd* 416 U.S. 505, 94 S.Ct. 1820, 40 L.Ed.2d 341 (1974). A directive to minimize was included in each order. *See e.g.,* 1 App. I, Order of Jan. 29 at 8. Defendants attack the langauge used by Agent Wacks in describing the minimization procedures which the monitoring agents were to follow:

> Normal minimization procedures will be adhered to during this interception period, to-wit; monitoring of conversations being intercepted on the previously identified telephone lines will immediately terminate when it is determined through voice identification or otherwise that none of the aforementioned principals are participants in the conversation, or the conversation is not criminal in nature.

1 App. I, Affidavit of Agent Peter Wacks at 66.

[106-108] There is considerable doubt whether any minimization directive is required in the order under the statute or Constitution. *See United States v. Vento,* 533 F.2d 838, 860-61 (3d Cir. 1976); *United States v. Cirillo,* 499 F.2d 872, 879-90 (2d Cir.), *cert denied,* 419 U.S. 1056, 95 S.Ct. 638, 42 L.Ed.2d 653 (1974) (interpreting identical New York statute); *United States v. Rizzo,* 492 F.2d 443, 446-47 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied,* 417 U.S. 944, 94 S.Ct. 3069, 41 L.Ed.2d 665 (1974); *United States v. Manfredi,* 488 F.2d 588, 598-601 (2d Cir. 1973), *cert. denied,* 417 U.S. 936, 94 S.Ct. 2651, 41 L.Ed.2d 240 (1974).[46]

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[46] Cases which hold that a minimization directive in the order is not essential rely on specification of the persons involved and the nature of the offense to meet the particularity requirements of the fourth amendment. *See* § 2518(4)(a)-(c). As the Third Circuit stated in Vento

> [T]he minimization clause would appear to be a "less crucial" requirement of Title III. The minimization proviso of section 2518(5)

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It is highly doubtful whether an overbroad statement by the affiant could vitiate an otherwise valid warrant if the actual conduct of the monitoring agents comported with the statutory command to minimize the interception of unrelated conversations. *See generally Scott v. United States,* 436 U.S. 128, 98 S.Ct. 1717, 56 L.Ed.2d 168 (1978). But assuming, arguendo, that a minimization directive in the order is required, and the statement of the affiant as to minimization procedures is material, the procedure outlined by Agent Wacks offends neither the Constitution nor the wiretap statute.

Defendants analogize the minimization order (assuming it incorporated the accompanying affidavit) to warrants which have been held invalid because they authorized seizure of physical evidence unrelated to the crime alleged. *See United States v. Abrams,* 615 F.2d 541 (1st Cir. 1980); *In re the Application of LaFayette Academy,* 610 F.2d 1 (1st Cir. 1979). Those cases are inapposite in two crucial respects. Insofar as the analogy to seizure of physical evidence is appropriate, the minimization procedure stated is akin to warrants which permit the officer to examine physical evidence at the scene to determine which items are covered by an otherwise valid warrant. In *Abrams,* the court recognized that onsite inspection to determine which documents were covered by the warrant is essential if the warrant is to be carried out at all. 615 F.2d at 545. The Supreme Court commented in *Andresen:*

> We recognize that there are dangers inherent in executing a warrant authorizing a search and seizure of a person's papers that are not necessarily present in executing a warrant to search for physical objects whose rele-

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> complements the specific requirements of section 2518(4), but it is section 2518(4) that gives "significant directions to law enforcement officials as to how reasonable interception will be minimized." The failure to include the minimization phrase when the basic guidelines have been supplied and where there exists a means of measuring compliance with the minimization provisions of the statute cannot be said to be fatal.

533 F.2d at 861. The focus on the conduct of the surveillance, rather than the affiant's statement of procedures, would appear to be consistent with the approach taken by the Supreme Court in *Scott.* *See* section VII-B, *infra.*

> vance is more easily ascertainable. In searches for papers, it is certain that some innocuous documents will be examined, at least cursorily, in order to determine whether they are, in fact, among those papers authorized to be seized. *Similar dangers, of course, are present in executing a warrant for the "seizure" of telephone conversations.*

427 U.S. 463, 482 n. 11, 96 S.Ct. 2737, 2749 n.11, 49 L.Ed.2d 627 (1976). (emphasis supplied)

The minimization procedure outlined by Agent Wacks does not authorize the monitoring agents to "seize" all conversations over the stated telephone lines and determine at a later time which conversations are covered by the warrant. Rather, it is the listening equivalent of permitting on-site inspection of documents or other physical evidence to determine if such evidence falls within the scope of the warrant. Courts dealing with electronic surveillance have uniformly recognized that the amount of flexibility provided by similar minimization directives is necessary given the realities of electronic surveillance. *See Scott v. United States,* 436 U.S. at 139-42, 96 S.Ct. at 1724-25; *see also United States v. Hyde,* 574 F.2d 856, 869 (5th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Daly,* 535 F.2d 434, 441 (8th Cir. 1976); *United States v. Quintana,* 508 F.2d 867, 873-75 (7th Cir. 1975); *United States v. Bynum,* 485 F.2d 490, 500 (2d Cir. 1973), *vacated on other grounds,* 417 U.S. 903, 94 S.Ct. 2598, 41 L.Ed.2d 409 (1974); *United States v. Cox,* 462 F.2d 1293, 1301 (8th Cir. 1972). As the court stated in *Daly,* "[w]e recognize that monitoring agents are not gifted with prescience." 535 F.2d at 441. Conversations, unlike physical evidence, do not have a form or appearance readily apparent to the listener; thus, to deny the monitoring agent permission to listen until it can be determined whether a particular conversation is related to the authorized objective under the order is to render Title III totally ineffective. We decline to order such a result.

[109] What we have said does not mean, of course, that monitoring agents are free to listen to all conversations. It means simply that a warrant affording them the opportunity to

determine if conversations are covered within the scope of the authorized objective is not invalid. Whether the conduct of the monitoring agents adequately respected the privacy rights of the speakers and obeyed the statutory command to minimize interception of non-pertinent calls is a question of fact to be determined on a case by case basis. *See Scott v. United States,* 436 U.S. at 139-40, 98 S.Ct. at 1724. It is that question to which we now turn.

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Defendants attack the conduct of the electronic surveillance involved in this case under the initial order of January 29, 1979, and extensions issued on March 1, March 30 and April 28,[47] as well as the order expanding the surveillance on April 7. They contend that the government, through the monitoring FBI agents, violated the minimization provisions of the orders and the requirement of Title III by listening to conversations not covered by the orders issued by Chief Judge Parsons.[48]

[110-113] The term minimization is a shorthand expression which represents the government's obligation to reduce to the extent possible interception of conversations which are not the subject of the court order. Minimization is to be judged on a case by case analysis of the reasonableness of the government's conduct in terminating non-pertinent conversations. *Scott v. United States,* 436 U.S. 128, 139-40, 98 S.Ct.

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[47] As stated earlier, the surveillance of Dorfman and others continued for fourteen months. Defendants have challenged only the conduct under the original authorization and first three extensions. Our examination, therefore, is restricted to the conduct of the surveillance for the period from February through May, 1979.

[48] The statute provides, § 2518(5),

> . . . [e]very order and extension thereof shall contain a provision that the authorization to intercept shall be executed as soon as practicable, shall be conducted in such a way as to minimize the interception under this chapter, and must terminate upon attainment of the authorized objective, or in any event in thirty days.

1717, 1724-25, 56 L.Ed.2d 168 (1978). *See also United States v. Feldman,* 606 F.2d 673, 677-79 (6th Cir. 1979); *cert. denied,* 445 U.S. 961, 100 S.Ct. 1648, 64 L.Ed.2d 236 (1980); *United States v. Hyde,* 574 F.2d 856, 869-70 (5th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Abascal,* 564 F.2d 821, 826-27 (8th Cir. 1977), *cert. denied,* 435 U.S. 942, 98 S.Ct. 1521, 55 L.Ed.2d 538 (1978); *United States v. Clerkley,* 556 F.2d 709, 716-18 (4th Cir. 1977), *cert. denied,* 436 U.S. 930, 98 S.Ct. 2830, 56 L.Ed.2d 775 (1978); *United States v. Chavez,* 533 F.2d 491, 492-93 (9th Cir. 1976), *cert. denied,* 426 U.S. 911, 96 S.Ct. 2237, 48 L.Ed.2d 837 (1977); *United States v. Armocida,* 515 F.2d 29, 42-46 (3d Cir. 1975), *cert. denied,* 423 U.S. 858, 96 S.Ct. 111, 46 L.Ed.2d 84 (1975); *United States v. Quintana,* 508 F.2d 867, 873-76 (7th Cir. 1975).[49] The reasonableness approach reconciles the frequently difficult task of determining the character of an intercepted conversation with the statutory policy of minimizing any intrusion on personal privacy. *See* S.Rep. 1097, supra p. 31 at 27, 2112. It must be remembered that "[t]he statute does not forbid the interception of all non-relevant conversations, but rather instructs the agents to conduct the surveillance in such a manner as to 'minimize' the interception of such conversations." *Scott v. United States,* 436 U.S. at 140, 98 S.Ct. at 1724. Absent an "unreasonable" intrusion, neither the statute nor the fourth amendment are violated. *Id.* at 138-39, 98 S.Ct. at 1723-24. *See also United States v. Quintana,* 508 F.2d at 873-74; *United States v. James,* 494 F.2d 1007, 1018 (D.C.Cir.1974).

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[49] Defendants spent a considerable amount of time at the hearing on the minimization issue questioning monitoring agents and their supervisors on what they intended to listen to during the course of the surveillance and how they interpreted the scope of the authorized objective. Putting aside the problem that what one "intends" to listen to is a rather metaphysical concept, the Supreme Court in *Scott* clearly indicated that subjective intent is not the issue in a minimization inquiry. 436 U.S. at 135-39 & n.11, 98 S.Ct. at 1722-24 & n.11. Like traditional fourth amendment law, where an improper subjective intent cannot defeat a search that is otherwise lawful, *see United States v. Robinson,* 414 U.S. 218, 94 S.Ct. 467, 38 L.Ed.2d 427 (1973), the statute in question here directs us to the conduct of the "search", not the motivation of the officers. *Scott,* 436 U.S. at 139, 98 S.Ct. at 1724.

[114] Whether the government agents acted reasonably in a given case is affected by a number of factors, including the nature and scope of an alleged conspiracy, the government's reasonable expectation of the character of the conversations they will be intercepting, and the extent of ongoing judicial supervision over the surveillance. *See United States v. Hyde,* 574 F.2d at 870; *United States v. Clerkley,* 556 F.2d at 716; *United States v. Vento,* 533 F.2d 838, 851-52 (3d Cir. 1976); *United States v. Daly,* 535 F.2d 434, 441 (8th Cir. 1976); *United States v. Armocida,* 515 F.2d at 44. Of particular importance to this case is the recognition that,

> Large and sophisticated [ ] conspiracies may justify considerably more interception than would a single criminal episode. This is especially so where, as here, the judicially approved purpose of the wiretap is not so much to incriminate the known person whose phone is tapped as to learn the identity of the far-flung conspirators and delineate the contours of the conspiracy.

United States v. Quintana, 508 F.2d at 874.

[115-117] At the early stages of the investigation agents have greater leeway to monitor, especially where all the parties to the alleged conspiracy are not known in advance.[50] *Hyde,* 574 F.2d at 870; *Chavez,* 533 F.2d at 494; *Quintana,* 508 F.2d at 874. It is not enough for the defendants to identify particular

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[50] The order in the instant case permitted interception of certain named individuals and "others as yet unknown." 1 App. I, Order of January 29 at 7. It is well settled that authorizing interception of "others as yet unknown" is permissible under the statute so long as the representation made in the affidavit is made in good faith. *See United States v. Kahn,* 415 U.S. 143, 94 S.Ct. 977, 39 L.Ed.2d 225 (1974); *see also United States v. Baker,* 589 F.2d 1008, 1011 (9th Cir. 1979); *Quintana,* 508 F.2d at 873 n. 5.

Defendants argue, however, that the affidavit submitted in this case contained a promise that the monitoring agents would discontinue listening when it was determined that none of the named interceptees was a speaker. *See* 1 App I, Wacks Aff. at 66. Thus, they argue, any conversation intercepted between persons not named in the order violated the "promise" made to Judge Parsons about the minimization procedures which would be followed in

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calls which they contend should not have been intercepted; they must establish a pattern of interception of innocent conversations which developed over the period of the wiretap.

> * * * the only feasible approach to minimization is the gradual development, during the execution of a particular wiretap order, of categories of calls which most likely will not produce information relevant to the investigation. Once the monitoring agents have sufficient data to conclude that a particular type of conversation is unrelated to the criminal investigation, the minimization requirement obliges them to avoid intercepting future conversation as soon as they can determine that it falls within that category.

United States v. Hyde, 574 F.2d at 870 (*quoting United States v. Scott*, 516 F.2d 751, 754 (D.C.Cir.1975), *cert. denied*, 425 U.S. 917, 96 S.Ct. 1519, 47 L.Ed.2d 768 (1976)). *See also United States v. Chavez*, 533 F.2d at 495.

[118] In the instant case the government had substantial advance expectation as to the character of the calls—its agents knew the location where the wiretap was being conducted was a legitimate business with well over one hundred employees. *See* Defendants' Ex. D at 3-7. Moreover, because of the nature of the phone system at Amalgamated, it was impossible to isolate

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this case. This position is directly contrary to an argument also made by defendants, based on precisely the same language in the affidavit, that the order was unconstitutionally overbroad. We have already indicated our doubt whether the affiant's language on this subject is material. *See* pp. 388-389, *supra*. Nevertheless, we do not share defendants' restrictive reading of the affidavit. The affidavit indicates that "Normal minimization procedures will be adhered to"; it would be highly abnormal, as we read the cases, to restrict monitoring entirely to named interceptees when one of the major purposes of the investigation is to determine what other unknown persons are participating in the conspiracy. Rather, the agents must comport with the procedures outlined above in identifying those calls and individuals who are not subject to interception. In short, we believe the minimization directive in this case parallels that which is required by the statute and does not require that a more restrictive procedure be employed.

the lines to be used by the particular subjects of the interception. Thus, this case is fundamentally different from cases where the sole expected use of the tapped telephone was for the illegal enterprise and therefore a policy of total interception, at least initially, was not unreasonable. *See e.g., United States v. Quintana,* 508 F.2d at 874. In this case, the obligation to minimize was substantially greater at the outset, *id; United States v. James,* 494 F.2d at 1020.

[119] The evidence adduced at the hearing on minimization demonstrates that the government met its obligation to establish procedures to comply with the minimization requirement. The monitoring agents testified that prior to commencement of the interception a conference was held at which minimization instructions were given by chief of the Chicago strike force office of the Department of Justice, Douglas P. Roller. T. 113-119, 278-289.[51] In addition the monitoring agents were provided with a copy of the court order, Defendants' Exhibit E, and a memorandum from the strike force attorneys outlining the procedures to be followed during the investigation, including minimization, Defendants' Exhibit A, as well as a list of employees at Amalgamated for purposes of identification. Defendants' Exhibit D.[52] *See id.* In addition, substantial ongoing judicial supervision was ordered by Chief Judge Parsons in the form of five day reports to the court which

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[51] Defendants' Exhibit B is a memo prepared by agent Arthur Pfizenmeyer in preparation for the January 25 meeting prior to the commencement of the surveillance and indicates, in accord with testimony, that the subject of minimization was to be addressed at the meeting by Mr. Roller.

[52] The first two pages of Defendants' Exhibit D, the list provided to the monitoring agents, contains names other than Amalgamated employees and indicates the "following individuals may be intercepted" over the phones. Defendants contend that the list demonstrates that the FBI intended to intercept individuals who were not subject to this investigation. The agents testified, however, that the list was provided to acquaint them with the names of people whose voices they might be hearing for ease in the identification process. The list contains the names of the subjects of the investigation as well as individuals not named in the January 29 order and includes names that would indeed be difficult to identify as well as others that are quite simple. The purpose of the list is ambiguous and we prefer to judge interception of the individuals named on the list by the standard minimization requirements rather than attempting to assign a motive to the FBI in presenting the agents in the field with a list of names.

included copies of the logs indicating the volume of calls and the number intercepted. While the logs are too voluminous to expect the supervising judge to review them in detail, a cursory glance at the reports indicates the volume of calls coming over the lines and the number deemed pertinent by the monitoring agent.[53] Defendants' Exhibit 18A-E, 19A-E, 20A-B.

The results of the efforts to inform the monitoring agents of the need to observe minimization procedures are reflected in these statistics for the challenged period of the wiretap: In February approximately 72% of all calls were minimized, in March 70%, in April 77%, in May 73% and in June 76%. On the oral intercept, in April 77% of all conversations were minimized, in May 90% and 90% again in June.[54] *See* Government Exhibit 8. These figures do not indicate, however, that all the remaining calls were not minimized. As the government correctly pointed out in its argument, and the Supreme Court recognized in *Scott,* a substantial percentage of calls are not subject to minimization because they are simply too short, the participants are not identified prior to termination or the subject matter simply cannot be determined.[55] *See Scott,* 436 U.S. at 140, 98 S.Ct. at 1724.

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[53] Any call deemed pertinent by the monitoring agent was contemporaneously marked with a large red asterisk next to the log entry describing that call.

[54] The minimization procedures employed for the oral interception were substantially different and more restrictive than that used for the telephone monitoring. *See* Defendants' Exhibit J at 2-2B. As we understand defendants' argument, they do not make a separate attack on the conduct of the oral intercepts, and thus our discussion focuses primarily on evidence of the conduct of the wiretaps.

[55] In *Scott,* virtually all of the calls over the tapped phone were intercepted while only 40% were in actuality related to the authorized objective. The Court nevertheless found the conduct of the investigation "reasonable", relying in part on the fact that the percentage figures invariably over-estimate the amount of intercepts because of the factors cited above. 436 U.S. 132, 140, 98 S.Ct. 1720, 1724. Thus, in the case at bar the 70 to 77 percent figures are, if anything, low. That conclusion is supported by our examination of the logs submitted into evidence. For example, there are dozens, probably hundreds of outgoing calls which reached busy signals; those attempts are recorded as "calls" but do not indicate they were minimized because conversation was never begun.

Defendants attempt to denigrate the importance of these figures by pointing out that Amalgamated is an insurance agency with a high volume of claims calls which the government knew from the outset were not pertinent. T. 773-780. While the gloss urged by defendants is undoubtedly true, it does not reduce the significance of the statistical evidence. The government's obligation is to do precisely what the evidence indicated it did—minimize the interception of calls which do not concern the authorized objective. That such minimization is made easier by the fact that certain types of calls clearly fall outside the scope of the order hardly controverts the evidence presented by the government that good faith efforts were made to reduce as much as possible the interception of irrelevant conversations.

[120, 121] In addition to the generalized objection to the minimization procedures employed during this surveillance, defendants make two particularized minimization arguments: one, that there was a pattern of interception of high level employees at Amalgamated that was not related to the authorized objective, and two, that the interception of those properly named as interceptees in the January 29 and subsequent orders was overbroad.[56]

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[56] There are serious standing problems with at least some of the conversations which defendants seek to have suppressed as a result of the alleged minimization violation. As we have indicated previously, *see* n. 6, *supra*, Title III only permits an "aggrieved person" to suppress evidence. *See* § 2518(10). The meaning of "aggrieved person" has been held to be consistent with the standing requirements of fourth amendment jurisprudence. *Alderman*, 394 U.S. at 175 n. 9, 89 S.Ct. at 967 n. 9. Thus, in order to suppress a conversation which the government intends to use at trial a defendant must be a party to the conversation or the conversation must be intercepted on defendant's premises. *Id.* at 176-80, 89 S.Ct. at 968-970. Many of the calls which defendants contend were intercepted unlawfully involve only third persons. However, each defendant, with the exception of defendant Dorfman, was intercepted at least once prior to becoming an authorized interceptee, speaking to one of the employees who defendants contend were improperly monitored. Thus, if defendants made out their claimed minimization violation, some suppression could result.

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[122, 123] As to the first argument, defendants have produced substantial evidence that the government continued to intercept the calls of certain Amalgamated employees even after it became clear from the initial stages of the electronic surveillance that those individuals were not parties to or at least never discussed over the Amalgamated phone lines, the alleged conspiracy which triggered the January 29 order.[57] The evidence demonstrates that the monitoring agents intercepted a substantial number of conversations involving individuals who were not subjects of the surveillance order concerning subject matters that, even on a liberal reading of the authorized objective in this case, had nothing to do with "hidden interests" in Las Vegas or Reno Nevada casinos.[58] This unauthorized interception not only occurred during the initial stages of the surveillance, where substantially more latitude is permitted, but continued into March, April and succeeding months. However, despite our agreement with defendants that unauthorized interception took place during this surveillance, we disagree with their conclusions about the scope of the minimization inquiry and the remedy that is required where a minimization violation is established.

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Moreover, defendant Dorfman apparently has a proprietary interest in Amalgamated. It is undisputed that Amalgamated's phones were tapped solely as a method of intercepting his conversations and those people working with him who might be involved in the authorized objective. Thus, at least one of the defendants has standing to object to the conduct of the surveillance as a whole and it is appropriate, therefore, that we consider the general minimization claims. *See Scott,* 436 U.S. at 135-36 n. 10, 98 S.Ct. at 1722-23 n. 10.

[57] The particular employees identified by defendants in argument are David Dorfman, Bill Webbe, Mike Breen, Marty Wolfinsohn, Blaine Williams, Jim Dorfman, Jay Dorfman and Barney Baker and "scores of others" who are not identified. T. at 2056. We have focused, in our factual review, on the individuals named by defendants.

[58] In urging this conclusion defendants rely on the difference between the number of calls identified in Government's Exhibit 8 as "pertinent" intercepts and the number of calls submitted to Chief Judge Parsons as "related" to the authorized objective. See T. 686-708, 729-731, 748-757. While the differential in numbers is substantial, we do not think it is dispositive of the

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[124-126] Defendants argue that because the scope of an order was exceeded, all of the evidence obtained by virtue of the order must be suppressed. That conclusion runs contrary to both the language of the statute and the case law dealing with suppression of unlawfully executed warrants in this and other areas of fourth amendment jurisprudence. *See* Sec. IV, n. 30 *supra.* In order to suppress a conversation which the government intends to introduce at trial, defendants must establish that interception of that conversation was unlawful. Suppression of lawfully intercepted conversations does not follow where all that is established is that the government also intercepted other conversations unlawfully. *See United States*

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minimization inquiry. The decision whether a particular call is pertinent must be made by the monitoring agent during the course of the call without benefit of hindsight or a review of completed transcripts. The decision whether to submit a particular call as supportive of probable cause for continuing the surveillance was made by the supervising agents and attorneys upon reflection that included not only the agents' logs, but duplicate cassettes of each call and typed summaries of their content. It is not surprising that a substantial weeding out would take place before the ultimate decision of which conversations should be pointed out to the supervising judge as particularly relevant.

What nevertheless persuades us that a pattern of unauthorized overhears with respect to certain Amalgamated employees is present in this case is a review of the summaries contained in Government's Exhibit 11 and Defendants' Exhibits 100 and 101. Those exhibits, consisting of several hundred pages, contain short descriptions of the conversations which were intercepted in full and deemed to be "relevant" to the authorized objective. The summaries were prepared within a very short time after interception and elaborate, with varying degrees of detail, the topic of the conversation. It would not be productive to describe here the contents of those conversations; it suffices to say that many involve individuals not named as interceptees speaking about topics unrelated to the authorized objective. Given the fact that the summaries generally identify the speakers and highlight what in the conversation caught the attention of the monitors, there is no question of applying "hindsight" to determine the relevancy of the conversations to the authorized objective—the summaries identify the topic of conversation and time and again they have nothing whatsoever to do with the authorized objective of the surveillance. *See, e.g.,* Defendants' Exhibits 57, 58, 59, 65 (consisting of transcripts and summaries of conversations used by defendants as examples of their minimization argument).

v. Principie, 531 F.2d 1132, 1140-41 (2d Cir. 1976), *cert. denied,* 430 U.S. 905, 97 S.Ct. 1173, 51 L.Ed.2d 581 (1977); *United States v. Cox,* 462 F.2d 1293, 1301 (8th Cir. 1972), *cert. denied,* 417 U.S. 918, 94 S.Ct. 2623, 41 L.Ed.2d 223 (1974); *United States v. Webster,* 473 F.Supp. 586, 598 (D.Md.1979), *aff'd in relevant part,* 639 F.2d 174 (4th Cir. 1981); *United States v. Pine,* 473 F.Supp. 349, 356 (D.Md.1979); *United States v. Sisca,* 361 F.Supp. 735, 744-45 (S.D.N.Y.1973), *aff'd,* 503 F.2d 1337 (2d Cir.), *cert, denied,* 419 U.S. 1008, 95 S.Ct. 328, 42 L.Ed.2d 283 (1974); *United States v. LaGorga, 336 F.Supp. 190, 197 (W.D.Pa.1971); United States v. King,* 335 F.Supp. 523, 544-45 (S.D.Cal.1971), *rev'd on other grounds,* 478 F.2d 494 (9th Cir. 1973), *cert. denied,* 417 U.S. 920, 94 S.Ct. 2628, 41 L.Ed.2d 226 (1974).

[127] Congress, in fashioning the exclusionary rule to be followed under Title III, directed attention to the particular conversations sought to be suppressed:

> Any aggrieved person . . . may move to suppress the contents of any intercepted wire or oral communication, or evidence derived therefrom, on the grounds that—
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> (i) the *communication* was unlawfully intercepted
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> (iii) the *interception* was not made in conformity with the order of authorization or approval.

§ 2518(1)(a) (emphasis supplied). Moreover, the general section prohibiting the use of unlawfully obtained evidence in any trial specifically refers to "such communication" and gives no indication that exclusion is supposed to be used as a punitive measure to prohibit the introduction of lawfully intercepted conversations. *Accord, United States v. Cox,* 462 F.2d at 1301; *United States v. LaGorga,* 336 F.Supp. at 196; *United States v. King,* 335 F.Supp. at 535. The Supreme Court in *Scott,* while reserving the specific question decided here, *see* 436 U.S. at 135-36 n. 10, 98 S.Ct. at 1722-23, n. 10, recognized that "§ 2515

was not intended 'generally to press the scope of the suppression role beyond present search and seizure law.' S.Rep. 1097, 90th Cong. 2d Sess., 96 (1968)." 436 U.S. at 139.[59]

[128, 129] A contrary position was taken by the district court in *United States v. Focarile,* 340 F.Supp. 1033, 1046-47 (D.Md.), *aff'd on other grounds sub nom. United States v. Giordano,* 469 F.2d 522 (4th Cir. 1972), *rev'd,* 416 U.S. 505, 94 S.Ct. 1820, 40 L.Ed.2d 341 (1974), where Judge Miller indicated total suppression would be the remedy if a minimization violation were found.

> Knowing that only "innocent" calls would be suppressed the government could intercept every conversation during the entire period of a wiretap with nothing to lose by doing so since it would use at trial only those conversations which had a definite incriminating value anyway, thereby completely ignoring the minimization mandate of Title III.

See also United States v. Scott, 331 F.Supp. 233, 246-49 (D.D.C.1971), *rev'd,* 504 F.2d 194 (D.C.Cir.1974).[60] In our

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[59] There is a suggestion in certain cases by way of dicta that the more severe sanction of total suppression is permissible, if not required, where the evidence suggests the monitoring agents totally disregarded the statute and applicable order by simply listening to everything and making no effort to minimize. *See United States v. Principie,* 531 F.2d at 1140 (dicta); *United States v. Turner,* 528 F.2d 143, 156 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied,* 423 U.S. 996, 96 S.Ct. 426, 46 L.Ed.2d 371 (1975). We doubt whether that suggestion survives the statement to the contrary in *Scott* and the weight of authority cited above, but, regardless of the status of the remedy in the face of a total disregard of the minimization command, that issue does *not* confront us here. The evidence reviewed in the first part of our discussion on minimization indicates that substantial efforts were made to limit the interception in this case. That those efforts were inadequate in certain respects in no way indicates that the conduct of the surveillance here should be equated with surveillance in other cases where minimization procedures were ignored entirely. *See Scott,* 331 F.Supp. 233, 246-49 (D.D.C.1971), *rev'd,* 504 F.2d 194 (D.C.Cir.1974).

[60] The *Scott* case had a tortured path through the courts. The original opinion, cited above, was reversed and remanded. On remand the district court again ordered the evidence suppressed and the court of appeals again reversed, *see United States v. Scott,* 516 F.2d 751 (D.C.Cir.1975), this time

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opinion *Focarile* misconstrues the nature of the minimization inquiry. We do not simply focus on the individual conversation and determine whether it contains any incriminating statements; rather, where a pattern of unlawful interception is established we examine the challenged interceptions to determine whether they fall within that pattern. If the government continues to intercept, for example, a person not named in the authorizing order after his or her identity has been established and a pattern of innocent conversation takes place, it would be of no moment that eventually that individual was heard discussing incriminating matter; the conversation would still be subject to suppression because it would have been "unlawful" for the monitors to be overhearing the conversation in the first instance. It is not true, therefore, that anything short of total suppression renders the minimization requirement a nullity. Accordingly, we must determine whether any of the conversations the government intends to use at trial fall within the pattern of improper interception we have identified above.

[130-132] Almost all of the challenged conversations of persons not named in the original order involve one of two Amalgamated employees: William Webbe or David Dorfman.[61] *See* List of Conversations Which Defendants O'Malley

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taking matters into its own hands and determining that the evidence should not be suppressed. After a bench trial on the merits defendant was convicted, the court of appeals affirmed, *see* 551 F.2d 467 (D.C.Cir.1977) and the Supreme Court granted certiorari and addressed the minimization question as discussed *supra*.

[61] On defendants' entire list of conversations they seek to have suppressed there are only three conversations not involving a named interceptee, Webbe or David Dorfman, which have any relationship to the case to be tried here or the applications for extensions. They are a February 1 call between Jim Kalil and Marty Wolfinsohn, a February 16 call between a "Mr. Talbot" and UF (unidentified female), and an April 10 call between Mike Breen and Louis Peick.

We deal with the circumstances of the Kalil-Wolfinsohn call at note 63, *infra*. As to the call involving Mr. Talbot, regardless of its content, as we understand it he is not an Amalgamated employee and no evidence has been

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and Massa Seek To Have Suppressed As A Result Of The Government's Violation Of The Minimization Provisions Contained In The January 29 [and subsequent] Court Orders.[62]

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presented that interception of his calls to an unidentified person in February falls within any unlawful pattern of interception except the general failure to minimize argument which we have rejected above. On March 30, however, Ed Talbot is named as an authorized interceptee and therefore the interception of his April 6 call, given its length of time (one minute) and the fact that the call was placed to speak to another authorized interceptee (Sol Schwartz), was lawful. See Government's Exhibit 11, NDI 168, 9:34 (April 6, 1979).

The Breen-Peick call, however, despite its arguable relevance to the case before us here, does fall within the pattern shown by defendants and therefore should be suppressed. The government had intercepted Breen countless times prior to April 6, he was never named as an authorized interceptee in the January order or the March extensions and he was speaking in this conversation to another unnamed person. The call in question was four and one-half minutes long. Under our view of the minimization obligation the interception of this call should have been terminated upon identification of the parties; because it falls under a pattern of unauthorized interception of Breen and other identified Amalgamated employees the interception was unlawful. However, since none of the defendants was a party to the conversation and only defendant Dorfman has a proprietary interest in the telephones tapped, only defendant Dorfman has standing to have the conversation suppressed. *See* n. 6 and 54, *supra.*

We note that it is unclear if the government intends to use this conversation for anything but impeachment purposes. Title III does not prohibit its use solely for impeachment purposes even though the conversation was unlawfully intercepted. *United States v. Winter,* 663 F.2d 1120, 1154 (1st Cir. 1981), *petition for cert. filed,* 50 U.S.L.W. 3607 (U.S. Jan. 22, 1982) (No.81-1392); *Jacks v. Duckworth,* 651 F.2d 480, 484 (7th Cir. 1981), *cert. denied,*—U.S.—, 102 S.Ct. 1010, 71 L.Ed.2d 300 (1982); *United States v. Farese,* 611 F.2d 67, 70-71 (5th Cir. 1980); *United States v. Caron,* 474 F.2d 506, 508-10 (5th Cir. 1973); *See* S.Rep. 1097, *supra* p. 31, at 91, 2184-85. *See also United States v. Havens,* 446 U.S. 620, 100 S.Ct. 1912, 64 L.Ed.2d 559 (1980); *Harris v. New York,* 401 U.S. 222, 91 S.Ct. 643, 28 L.Ed.2d 1 (1971); *Walter v. United States,* 347 U.S. 62, 74 S.Ct. 354, 98 L.Ed. 503 (1954).

[62] While the "List" was submitted by the two defendants whose names appear thereon, it was joined by all other defendants. No other request to suppress specific conversations pursuant to the claimed minimization violation has been received and we therefore restrict our discussion to the conversations which have been called to our attention. We add for clarification that there are two lists with the same title, one docketed March 26 and the other April 6. *See* 81 CR 269-5. The second list is more extensive and we therefore refer to it.

[133] We have examined the log entries and summaries of calls involving Webbe and David Dorfman and find that, whatever the merits of defendants claim as to other employees, interception of their conversations was not unlawful. On the very first day of the surveillance Webbe was intercepted discussing with Allen Dorfman and others the need to arrange a meeting to have certain undescribed "bids" withdrawn. On the second day of the wiretap he was overheard again discussing bids on property and Dorfman's role in pressuring other bidders to walk away. We have already described in detail why it was justifiable for the supervising agents and attorneys to construe these calls as related to the authorized objective. *See* Part IV, *supra.* A monitoring agent, informed of the nature of this investigation who on the first and second days of interception picks up an employee discussing in veiled terms "bids" and shortly thereafter learns that they are with reference to property in Las Vegas clearly has reason to continue monitoring the calls of that employee; to do any less would be to fail in his job.

[134] Once Webbe was properly implicated as "an other as yet unknown" conspirator, a policy of increased attention to his calls was clearly permitted under the law. The government had an obligation in any subsequent application to include Webbe as a named interceptee. *See United States v. Donovan,* 429 U.S. 413, 97 S.Ct. 658, 50 L.Ed.2d 652 (1977) (government required to name all those for whom it has probable cause on the offense in question); *but cf. id.* (failure to name does not require suppression). It did so here, when on March 1 Webbe was properly named as an interceptee for the alleged Nevada gaming act violations. *See* Sec. IV, *supra.* The interception of Webbe subsequent to March 1 was clearly differentiated from the interception of other Amalgamated employees and was entirely proper.

The same is true with respect to David Dorfman. On January 31, the second day of interception, and again on February 1, he was intercepted discussing a plan to refinance the Aladdin and Landmark casinos. *See* Part IV, *supra.* Without repeating the nature of those calls, already contained

in our discussion of probable cause for the March 1 extension, it suffices to point out that on any reading of the January 29 order those calls were clearly related to the authorized objective. The same procedure of subsequently identifying David Dorfman as another as yet unknown conspirator on March 1 was followed and the continued monitoring of his calls was proper.

[135] In sum, even though defendants have established improper interception of some Amalgamated employees, we hold that the interceptions of the conversations of Webbe and David Dorfman of which defendants complain were not within the pattern of unlawful interceptions and thus suppression is not contemplated by the statute or required by the Constitution.[63]

[136, 137] Defendants' final contention for finding a minimization violation is that the named interceptees—while properly subject to surveillance—were over-intercepted.[64] We have already observed that the monitoring agents must be

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[63] The remaining interception of which defendants complain is the Kali-Wolfinsohn conversation of February 1. See Defendants' Exhibit 42. This call was not intercepted unlawfully and therefore we reject the argument that it should be stricken from our consideration of the probable cause issue on March 30, where the call was utilized. (The conversation is not at issue for the trial on the merits of the case at bar). While we have agreed with defendants that a pattern of interception not authorized by the warrant developed, the interception of this call at the outset of the surveillance does not fall within such a pattern. The case law is clear that leeway must be given before patterns of innocent conversation can be developed. *United States v. Hyde,* 574 F.2d at 870; *United States v. Chavez,* 533 F.2d at 492; *United States v. Quintana,* 508 F.2d at 873-75. At the time this conversation was intercepted, before any pattern could have developed, its interception was not unlawful.

Moreover, the content of the call contains specific references to kickbacks on insurance policies. *See* Defendants' Exhibit 42 at 9-15. Where agents are properly monitoring a call which turns to criminal activity not covered by the order, they are permitted to continue the interception.

[64] The conversations which defendants seek to suppress on this ground are contained in the same "List of Conversations . . ." referred to *supra* under the heading "Other Conversations Improperly Monitored". All of the conversations involve Allen Dorfman and thirteen of the total of seventeen also include at least one other named interceptee.

afforded substantial leeway in intercepting the calls of authorized interceptees if they are to be permitted a reasonable possibility of achieving the authorized objective of the surveillance; this is even more clear where the conversation in question, like many which defendants seek to suppress, is between two authorized interceptees, either alone or with third parties. When examined with these standards in mind we find that defendants have failed to establish a case for a minimization violation with respect to the authorized interceptees. Our review of the logs submitted as part of Defendants Exhibits 18A-E, 19A-E, 20A-B, and K, along with the pertinent intercepts contained in Government Exhibit 11 and Defendants' Exhibits 100 and 101 fails to reveal the type of pattern of overinterception that we have identified with respect to employees of Amalgamated not named in the orders.[65] Like Webbe and David Dorfman, Allen Dorfman was intercepted at the very inception of the surveillance discussing matters related to the authorized objective. While defendants may point to

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[65] Defendants' Exhibit K is a selected group of logs from the oral interception in Dorfman's office conducted pursuant to the April 7 order. We find that evidence particularly persuasive for the government on the issue of whether the agents adequately minimized the conversations of Allen Dorfman. The number of conversations which were minimized when it was determined the content of the conversations was unrelated to the authorized objective belies defendants' claim that the authorization was used as a general warrant against Dorfman. The logs reflect a random sampling of Dorfman's office conversations which are continually terminated when the subject matter of the discussion is identified as not pertinent. *See* T. 337-343, 352-358. Defendants have suggested no other or better way to minimize where oral interception is authorized and we can conceive of none:

> Under these circumstances we find that the government has made a *prima facie* showing of reasonableness, and that the burden is shifted to the defendants to suggest what alternative procedure would have better minimized interception of noncriminal conversation while still permitting the government to achieve its legitimate objectives.

United States v. Quintana, 508 F.2d at 875 (citing *United States v. Manfredi,* 488 F.2d 588, 599-600 (2d Cir. 1973) *cert. denied,* 417 U.S. 936, 94 S.Ct. 2651, 41 L.Ed.2d 240 (1974)). Defendants have not met that burden. We note additionally that since the very outset of this prosecution defendants have had the actual tapes along with the logs and there has never been any suggestion made to the court that the logs reflecting termination of interception, on either the wire or oral microphones, are inaccurate.

particular conversations which, with hindsight, we might agree should not have been intercepted, the efforts taken to minimize such interception with respect to the named interceptees complied with the standards established under § 2518(5).[66] We conclude, therefore, that their interception was not pursuant to any unlawful pattern and the motion to suppress those conversations on minimization grounds should be denied.

C

Title III requires that before electronic surveillance is instituted a showing of "necessity" must be made. The Supreme Court stated in *Giordano*.

> [Electronic surveillance is] not to be routinely employed as the initial step in a criminal investigation. Rather, the applicant must state and the court must find that normal investigative procedures have been tried and failed or reasonably appear to be unlikely to succeed if tried or to be too dangerous.

416 U.S. at 515, 94 S.Ct. at 1826.[67] *See* § 2518(1)(c) and (3)(c). *See also United States v. Kahn,* 415 U.S. 143, 153 n. 12, 94 S.Ct. 977. 983 n. 12, 39 L.Ed.2d 225 (1974). The legislative history illuminates the showing that is required under the statute:

> Subparagraph (c) requires a full and complete statement as to whether or not normal investigative procedures have been tried and have failed or why these are unlikely to succeed if tried, or to be too dangerous .... Normal

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[66] In fact, the only conversations presented to us by defendants in the form of transcripts which involve defendant Dorfman are pertinent to the authorized objective under the Aladdin linkage theory which we accept in Part IV, *supra*. *See* Defendants' Exhibits 81, 82, 85. Nothing other than the group exhibits referred to above has been submitted to demonstrate an unlawful pattern with respect to named interceptees in general and Allen Dorfman in particular.

[67] The exact language of the statute requires that each application contain

> (c) a full and complete statement as to whether or not other investigative procedures have been tried and failed or why they reasonably appear to be unlikely to succeed if tried or to be too dangerous § 2518(1).

> investigative procedures would include, for example, standard visual or aural surveillance techniques by law enforcement officers, general questioning or interrogation under an immunity grant, use of regular search warrants, and the infiltration of conspiratorial groups by undercover agents or informants. Merely because a normal investigative technique is theoretically possible, it does not follow that it is likely. [Citations omitted]. What the provision envisions is that the showing be tested in a practical and commonsense fashion.

S.Rep. 1097, p. 31 *supra* at 101, 2190.

The case law on the type of showing necessary to meet the requirements of § 2518(1)(c) is abundant. See *United States v. Almonte*, 594 F.2d 261, 264 (5th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Martinez*, 588 F.2d 1227, 1232 (9th Cir. 1978); *United States v. Gerardi*, 586 F.2d 896, 897-98 (1st Cir. 1978); *United States v. Williams*, 580 F.2d 578, 587-90 (D.C.Cir.), *cert. denied*, 439 U.S. 832, 99 S.Ct. 112, 58 L.Ed.2d 127 (1978); *United States v. Landmesser*, 553 F.2d 17, 19-21 (6th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 434 U.S. 855, 98 S.Ct. 174, 54 L.Ed.2d 126 (1977); *United States v. Spagnuolo*, 549 F.2d 705, 709-11 (9th Cir. 1977); *United States v. Lawson*, 545 F.2d 557, 563 (7th Cir. 1975); *United States v. Anderson*, 542 F.2d 428, 431-32 (7th Cir. 1976); *United States v. Kalustian*, 529 F.2d 585, 589-90 (9th Cir. 1976); *United States v. DiMuro*, 540 F.2d 503, 510-11 (1st Cir. 1976), *cert. denied*, 429 U.S. 1038, 97 S.Ct. 733, 50 L.Ed.2d 749 (1977).

The court of appeals for this circuit has held "that 'the government's burden of establishing its compliance with [subsection 2518(1)(c)] is not great.' " *United States v. Anderson*, 542 F.2d at 431 (quoting *United States v. Askins*, 351 F.Supp. 408, 414 (D.Md.1972)). The statute does not require that wiretapping be used only as a last resort, see *United States v. Landmesser*, 553 F.2d at 20, nor is its purpose to foreclose the use of electronic surveillance until all other methods of investigation have been tried unsuccessfully, *id.*

> To support a finding that normal investigative procedures are unlikely to be successful, we interpret the congressional

directions as only requiring that there exist a factual predicate in the affidavit.

United States v. Anderson, 542 F.2d at 431 (quoting *United States v. Armocida,* 515 F.2d 29, 38 (3d Cir. 1975)).

Defendants rely on cases indicating that mere boilerplate—conclusory allegations that might apply to all cases without reference to facts of the particular case—is insufficient. *See United States v. Kalustian.* 529 F.2d at 589-90. *See also United States v. DiMuro,* 540 F.2d at 510; *United States v. Kerrigan,* 514 F.2d 35, 38 (9th Cir. 1975) (per curiam). It is true that the allegations designed to meet the requirements of § 2518(1)(c) in Agent Wacks' affidavit are similar to those contained in many of the cases cited above. As is frequently the case the agent relied on essentially four factors in establishing the need for electronic surveillance: physical surveillance had been unsuccessful because the subjects of the investigation were surveillance conscious; confidential informants who provided information during the course of the investigation were unwilling to testify and grants of immunity were unlikely to persuade them to change their decision and would, in any event, violate assurances made to secure their cooperation; the affiant's experience and the nature of the case indicated the impossibility of introducing undercover agents into the ongoing conspiracy; and the use of traditional search warrants would be unproductive in light of the "nature of the investigative inquiry." *See* 1 App. I. Affidavit of January 29 at 67-69b.

Despite defendants' incredulity at the similarity between the assertions made here and those in other cases, it is hardly surprising that the factors necessitating electronic surveillance should be common to different cases. *See United States v. Almonte,* 594 F.2d at 264; *United States v. Gerardi,* 586 F.2d at 898; *United States v. DiMuro,* 540 F.2d at 510. What counts is whether the agent's assertions are supported by the facts in the affidavit and the nature of the investigation being conducted.

[138] On the facts of this case, we hold that the affidavit submitted by Agent Wacks was sufficient to make the showing required by § 2518(1)(c). The fact that physical surveillance

of the subjects had been attempted and was unsuccessful is entitled to some weight in the determination. 1 App. I, Affidavit of January 29 at 64. *See United States v. Lawson,* 545 F.2d at 563. In light of the informant information previously described, the assertion that present informants were reluctant to become witnesses and would resist a grant of immunity is credible. Most importantly, the nature of the particular alleged offense, promotion and management of hidden interests in casinos between groups of individuals in three separate cities who, of necessity, conducted most of their business by telephone, supports the agent's assertion that the use of traditional investigative techniques would have been unrealistic.[68] Since the information known to date did not reveal the manner in

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[68] Defendants suggest that electronic surveillance could have been avoided, and the investigation itself rendered unnecessary, if the government had contacted the present owners of the casinos where Dorfman was alleged to have, or be attempting to acquire, a hidden interest. With all respect to counsel, it is ludicrous to suggest that in investigating alleged unlawful hidden interests in casinos the FBI has an obligation to confront those who might be participating in the scheme and ask them for an interview. Moreover, with respect to the particular casino in which Dorfman was allegedly attempting to purchase an interest, the government did interview the owner and his statement corroborated the informant information in several important respects. *See* 1 App. III, Affidavit of Dr. Tom Mullis. *See generally,* Sec. III-B *supra.*

Defendants also contend, without benefit of authority, that the showing of need must meet a higher standard where, as in the April 7 application and order, an oral interception is authorized. We believe that Wacks affidavit, 3 App. I, Wacks Aff. at 104-07, adequately states the need for the continued interception and addition of oral overhears. The conversations intercepted to date demonstrated that conversations relevant to the criminal schemes under investigation were taking place in the two offices named and there was no other way to discover the contents of those conversations. Defendants assert that the invasion of privacy is greater, and the expectation of privacy higher, where conversations are taking place within the office rather than over the phone. The issue of whether Dorfman's privacy rights were adequately respected is dealt with fully in our discussion of minimization. It is noteworthy that defendants did not attempt to prove a minimization violation with respect to the oral interception. The evidence presented demonstrates conclusively that the monitoring agents were cognizant of the need to limit oral interception to conversations related to the authorized objective and did in fact do so. *See* n. 65, *supra.*

which the alleged "skimming" was being carried out, the assertion that use of traditional search warrants would be unproductive is also supported by the facts of the particular case.

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[139, 140] We are likewise unpersuaded by defendants' argument that the disclosure of prior surveillance made to Chief Judge Parsons was inadequate. The statute requires as part of the authorization process a statement of all previous applications involving the same parties or premises as the current application. *See* § 2518(1)(e).[69] The initial application and subsequent applications submitted to Chief Judge Parsons disclosed all prior surveillance of the interceptees named in the order, the name of the authorizing judge, the offenses under investigation and whether the application was approved. *See* 1 App. I, Wacks Aff. of January 29 at 8-26a; *id.*, Wacks Affidavit of March 1 at 9-31. Defendants contend that the disclosure was inadequate because it failed to detail the results of the prior interception. As another court stated in response to a similar argument, "[t]he short answer to this complaint is that the statute does not require what [defendants] say is lacking." *United States v. Kilgore,* 518 F.2d 496, 500 (5th Cir. 1975). The statute only requires that the government detail applications that had some relationship to the parties or premises covered by the current request—it does not require detailing the contents of prior interceptions. *United States v. Kail,* 612 F.2d 443, 447 (9th Cir. 1980); *United States v. Florea,* 541 F.2d 568, 575-76 (6th Cir. 1976); *United States v. Kilgore,* 514 F.2d at 500.

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[69] The statute provides that "[e]ach application shall include the following information:

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(e) a full and complete statement of the facts concerning all previous applications known to the individual authorizing and making the application, made to any judge for authorization to intercept, or for approval of interception of, wire or oral communications involving any of the same persons, facilities or places specified in the application, and the action taken by the judge on each such application . . .

18 U.S.C. § 2518(1)(e).

The disclosure in the instant case revealed over thirty prior interception orders involving the same persons as the January 29 application. The sheer number of prior interceptions disclosed might cause the issuing judge to inquire further whether the privacy rights of the suspects were being unnecessarily invaded. *See United States v. Bellosi,* 501 F.2d 833, 838 (D.C.Cir.1974). It is undisputed that the authorizing judge has the power under the statute to make further inquiry into the results of prior surveillance. *See* § 2518(2). That authority is in addition to the requirements of § 2518(1)(e) and is exercisable at the discretion of the issuing judge. *See United States v. Kilgore,* 518 F.2d at 501; *United States v. Bellosi,* 501 F.2d at 838. Here the application and affidavit were adequate to comply with the mandate of the statute.[70]

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[141, 142] The final ground upon which suppression is urged is that the government failed to comply with the statutory requirement for seeking permission to use the wiretap evidence gained from its initial investigation for the separate crime which is being prosecuted in the case at bar. The statute provides that before evidence can be used in the prosecution of an offense different from the one named in the original application, a separate application must be made to the court. *See* § 2517(5).

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[70] There is disagreement whether, even if we were to find a violation of § 2518(1)(e), suppression would be an appropriate remedy. In *United States v. Abramson,* 553 F.2d 1164 (8th Cir. 1977), the court found that the government had failed to make an adequate statement of prior surveillance but held that, under the standards established in *Donovan,* suppression was not required. *Id.* at 1169-70. Thus, the *Abramson* court held that § 2518(1)(e) was not one of the stautory provisions that "directly and substantially" implement congressional intent to limit the use of wire interception as those terms are defined in *Donovan* and *Giordano. See Donovan,* 429 U.S. at 432-37, 97 S.Ct. at 670-73; *Giordano,* 416 U.S. at 527, 94 S.Ct. at 1832. The District of Columbia Court of Appeals in *Bellosi* decided before *Donovan* but after *Giordano,* reached the opposite conclusion. 501 F.2d at 840-41. In light of our determination that no violation of the section is present in the case at bar, we do not reach the question of whether suppression is required by the statute.

As we have already discussed in our prior opinion in this case, the remedy established by Congress for improper "disclosure" within the meaning of § 2517(5) is a civil one. *See United States v. Dorfman,* 532 F.2d at 1137 (and cases cited therein). While suppression is appropriate where the government fails to secure an order permitting it to use the evidence in a separate prosecution, *see United States v. Brodson,* 528 F.2d 214 (7th Cir. 1975); *United States v. Marion,* 535 F.2d 697 (2d Cir. 1976), that situation is not before us.[71] Here it is undisputed that the government submitted a § 2517(5) application to Chief Judge Parsons and received an order permitting use of the evidence in the case at bar before the evidence was "disclosed." In so doing, the government complied with the requirements of the statute.

[143, 144] Defendants argue, however, that the material submitted to Chief Judge Parsons in support of the § 2517(5) application was inadequate to permit a finding that the interception was "otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this chapter." *See* § 2517(5); Memorandum of Points and Authorities of Defendants Williams and O'Malley at 89-99. The statute, contrary to defendants' assertions, does not permit this court to make a de novo review of the sufficiency of the evidence presented to Chief Judge Parsons under § 2517(5). Suppression of evidence is only authorized pursuant to § 2515 or 2518(10). Since an order permitting the use of the evidence in this proceeding was obtained, there can be no argument that "disclosure of the information would be in violation of this chapter" under § 2515.[72] All the statute requires on its face is

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[71] As we indicated previously, suppression was required in *Brodson* because the failure to obtain an order permitting the use of the wiretap evidence taints the grand jury itself by exposing it illegally to wiretap material. *See Dorfman,* 532 F.2d at 1137 n. 19. While *Brodson* discusses generally the purpose of § 2517(5), there is no suggestion that where an order is obtained the reviewing court is permitted to conduct an inquiry into the sufficiency of the evidence which is not otherwise permitted by the statute.

[72] Suppression was appropriate in *Brodson* precisely because no order permitting the use of the evidence before the grand jury was entered and therefore its disclosure was unlawful and the fruits of the disclosure, in that case the indictment itself, were obtained in violation of the statute.

that an order be secured and that was done in the case at bar. Nor can an insufficient showing under § 2517(5) render the interception "unlawful" under § 2518(10). That section of the statute focuses on the lawfulness of the *interception,* not the subsequent acts of the government. Whether the interception of the conversations the government seeks to use in this case was lawful is discussed in full and decided in the minimization section of this opinion, Section VII-B, *supra.* We shall not repeat that discussion here.

In short, the statute sets up the scheme by which we judge the admissibility of evidence. The decision required by § 2517(5) is to be made by the judge to whom the application is submitted.[73] Our review is limited to the lawfulness of the interceptions under the terms of the statute and the Constitution. The sufficiency of the evidence under § 2517(5), so long as an application is made and an order entered, is not for us to decide.[74]

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[73] The decision under § 2517(5) is to be distinguished from the "necessity" showing under § 2518(1)(c) which we review in Part VII, C *supra* because the latter is a prerequisite to the wiretap order and failure to meet its terms would render the *interception* unlawful within the meaning of § 2518(10).

[74] The government does not argue that we lack the power to review the sufficiency of the evidence presented to Chief Judge Parsons in the § 2517(5) applications; it urges instead that Chief Judge Parsons had at his disposal all of the information necessary to make the required finding even on defendants' view of the statute. We are persuaded that the government's view of the evidence is the correct one and that defendants' argument places form over substance. Chief Judge Parsons is the same judge who authorized the initial application in the case and each of the extensions. The progress reports and logs, as well as complete transcripts of many of the conversations covered by the § 2517(5) application for the instant offense, had already been reviewed by him in another context. We assume that, insofar as the court required information in addition to that contained in the application, the readily available material was consulted. *See United States v. Masciarelli,* 558 F.2d 1064, 1068 (2d Cir. 1977); *United States v. Marion,* 535 F.2d at 703. The only thing which would be accomplished by submitting evidence of how the conversations were intercepted along with the application would be to overburden the judge by repeating that which he already had at the time the order was requested and issued.

CONCLUSION

Defendants' motions to suppress have raised many important questions under the fourth amendment and Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. We believe we have given thoughtful consideration to each of them. For the reasons stated herein we have concluded that except for defendant Dorfman's motion to suppress the Breen-Peick conversation intercepted on April 10, 1979,[75] all of the motions to suppress should be denied.

Defendants' motions to suppress are denied. Cause held for trial September 7, 1982.

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[75] *See* footnote 61, *supra.*

APPENDIX E

TRIAL TRANSCRIPT, PAGES 5525-5537

MR. WADDEN: I will be very brief, your Honor. I am just trying to be sure to preserve my record.

Your Honor, we would object to the introduction of 134-T through 144-T, with the exception of 141-T, 143-T and 143A-T.

The first ground for our objection, your Honor, is that these are conversations with persons other than Mr. Williams, which are being offered substantively against him.

Because these conversations basically embrace other defendants in the case, Mr. Williams is prevented from confronting the people that are doing the talking. He therefore is denied the right to prove the truth or falsity of the matters they are talking about.

For that reason, your Honor, we would move for a severance so that Mr. Williams would have an opportunity to confront the people that are talking in these conversations, to (1) attack the truth or falsity of the statements that are being made, and (2) to establish the circumstances under which they were made, all of which are denied Mr. Williams because he is in the case with these defendants, and they are not available to be called.

I think that involves, your Honor, a violation of the Sixth Amendment, the right to confront.

I realize, Judge, that in most conspiracy cases you have some admissions that always come in, and some defendants don't take the stand. But this particular case, your Honor, is built upon this type of evidence. This is a tape case. Without these tapes, there is no case, as we go.

Therefore, your Honor, I think it is a complete deprivation of Mr. Williams' right to confrontation, because he has a total inability, due to the Government's joining these people in a conspiracy, to confront Dorfman, to confront O'Malley, to confront Massa, to confront any of these people and prove that the statements they are making are false in these conversations.

That is point 1, Judge. Do you want me to stop there, or do you want to comment, or shall I go on?

THE COURT: No, I want to develop it with you, though.

MR. WADDEN: Let me get my brain up here, Judge.

THE COURT: You have previously objected—you and Mr. Krebs have previously objected to the substantive admissibility of many of these conversations, and particularly those late in the period, upon the ground that they were not in furtherance of the conspiracy.

MR. WADDEN: That's one ground, your Honor.

THE COURT: Because the evidence indicates that the conspiracy was ongoing past the 21st and 22nd of May, and for a couple of days thereafter. I have overruled that objection.

My understanding of the co-conspirator's exception to the hearsay rule is that declarations by one conspirator with regard to the conduct of another falls within the exception and is admissible to prove the truth of the matter declared.

Now, your point is that you are unable to confront—or, for instance, there are instances in here where Mr. Dorfman, as I recall, claims to have had conversations with Roy, and Roy is—and Dorfman attributes certain words and so forth to Roy.

Now, your point is, is that because Mr. Dorfman has the privilege not to testify, and you cannot compel him to testify any more than the Government can, that you cannot cross-examine Dorfman with respect to the truth of those matters.

MR. WADDEN: That's correct, your Honor. I think 134CT, which is the last tape that was heard, is a perfect example of that, your Honor.

At page 8, Mr. Dorfman is saying, at the very top of the page—it's really unclear whether it is Dorfman or O'Malley saying,

"No, it wasn't no. No, sir, Bjornsen called, uh, what's his name? Casta—

"O'Malley: Castignen?

"Dorfman: Castignan in Washington. I was standing right by his desk when he called him. He says you dictate what you want in the letter."

Referring to Koskinen.

It just so happens, your Honor, in this particular little quote, I think we will be able to demonstrate that that is an absolute lie. It never happened.

But we are unable to demonstrate that many of these other things are lies because we can't cross-examine Dorfman to establish the falsity of what he is saying and, therefore, we are denied the right to confront the accuser, and that's what it amounts to, and it is going in as substantive evidence.

THE COURT: Well, all right. Now, I understand your objection, and I assume that you are going to examine Mr. Koskinen—at least you anticipate that you will be able to examine him.

MR. WADDEN: As to that one point, Judge. I just use that as an example, although it is difficult—

THE COURT: Now, how do I—how do I handle your objection in light of the Dutton case and others?

As I understand the Dutton case, and I realize it is a plurality decision, but the Supreme Court of the United States has held that the co-conspirator's exception to the hearsay rule does not violate confrontation unless you are able—you can cross-examine the party transmitting the declaration, and here you have a recording of the declaration.

I just—

MR. WADDEN: It is very difficult, Judge.

THE COURT: Yes, but you folks have agreed to—I realize that in some of these tapes we have a lot of inaudibilities, but you have agreed to the integrity of the tapes, you have agreed to the—in essence, have agreed to the accuracy of the transcripts.

You have agreed to—or either agreed or not objected to, save for one or two minor instances, the identification of the voices.

So it is—there is no dispute as to what was said by Mr. Dorfman, as to the words spoken by Mr. Dorfman.

MR. WADDEN: I think that's correct, Judge. I mean, we don't agree—

THE COURT: Now, there is a dispute as to the truth.

MR. WADDEN: Yes.

THE COURT: But in the Dutton case, as I recall, the Court ruled that it is sufficient confrontation to be able to challenge the veracity of the transmitter of the hearsay, and you can do that here.

I just—you know, tell me how you get around Dutton.

MR. KREBS: Your Honor, let me try to pick up the baton for a half a second.

The problem that we are confronted with, that Mr. Wadden is really addressing, is that while it is clear that Mr. Dorfman said these words, or Mr. O'Malley said these words, or Mr. Massa said these words, regretfully these people in their common speech are not very good on their pronouns, or on their euphemisms in terms of exactly to whom they are referring, or when they are referring, and to what they are referring.

There are portions of these transcripts that I agree that Mr. Dorfman may have said these words, or Mr. O'Malley said these words, but in sitting there and reading them, I see Roy's name being mentioned, so I assume Mr. Williams is to whom they are referring at times. But there are then times—or there is then an explitive describing somebody, and that explitive could describe any one of three or four people.

The way that we have had Mr. Webbe on the stand, so that Mr. Roller or Mr. Silets or Mr. Wadden could go with Mr. Webbe and say, "Mr. Webbe, who did you mean by 'him' here,

who was there? When did this meeting occur? Is that the meeting in March or is that the meeting in April?"

All those questions you could ask the live witness who is transmitting the hearsay declaration. In this case, we can't do that. In this case, we have a tape that on its face is at best confusing and at some points wholly unintelligible just in terms of what these gentlemen are referring to.

They appear to be stating things that may be highly incriminating as to Mr. Williams, but as to which Mr. Williams cannot cross-examine the declarants. It is really—it may be an issue where the co-conspirator hearsay statement runs afoul of the right to confrontation.

I don't believe that the Dutton case said that in all instances the co-conspirator statement was consistent with the right to confrontation.

What it merely said was in that setting, and in that ability where you could cross-examine the transmitter of the information, and say, "Well, what were you referring to, when did this happen?"

THE COURT: Well, no, they were not—they did not cross-examine him as to what you were referring to in Dutton. They didn't ask the declarant what are you referring to. They asked the person—they were able to cross-examine the witness who repeated the hearsay declaration to assure the accuracy of the transmission.

I don't believe they cross-examined the hearsay declarant.

MR. KREBS: Your Honor, I am absolutely not as sufficiently familiar with Dutton as I should be. Was Dutton a hearsay within a hearsay problem? Because the problem we really have is not just what happened on May—on, say, May 17th. What we are really complaining about is on May 17th, which is—that meeting is the hearsay declaration. They are making then further hearsay statements as to what was said at earlier periods.

On May 17th—

THE COURT: They are attributing words to their alleged conspirators.

MR. KREBS: On May 17th, you have Mr. O'Malley discussing events that happened in March. It appears at times he may be lapsing to other events that happened at other times. It is the hearsay within the hearsay that we are really complaining about, that we really cannot understand, and that we don't have a right to confront.

THE COURT: Well, I can't recall the name of the case, but as we all know, the Supreme Court—indeed, it starts before the Federal Rules were adopted, in the Advisory Committee's note to the hearsay article. The Advisory Committee, largely through the guiding hand of Edward Waite Cleary recognized the interplay between the hearsay rule, the hearsay exceptions and confrontation, and the Supreme Court has worked on the subject in Dutton, and in Green against California and several other cases.

But the Court, in a decision the name of which slips my mind, refers to the necessity for the hearsay declarations. Although we have not debated this or discussed it at length, I believe that there is a necessity for these declarations here.

The Government cannot compel any of these persons to testify without affording them immunity. They granted immunity to Mr. Webbe. I realize Simmons and its progeny hold that a defendant cannot be compelled to elect between constitutional privileges, that it is not an answer in the pretrial motion to suppress context to say that in order to enforce one's Fourth or Fifth Amendment rights with regard to the retrial inquiry into the lawfulness of evidence, that one has to surrender his privilege against self-incrimination. And that rationale has been applied to other settings.

I do observe, however, that in this dilemma that you and Mr. Wadden perceive Mr. Williams facing, that while he cannot compel Mr. Dorfman, for example, to testify in order that he may cross-examine Mr. Dorfman with regard to the truthfulness of Dorfman's declarations, Mr. Williams has it

within his own power, if he wants to, to take the stand and deny the truthfulness of these statements. I'm not saying he must make that election, but he does have that privilege available to him. And, as I recall some of the confrontation cases, they state that one of the purposes of the confrontation clause is to afford an accused the opportunity not only to challenge the accusatory testimony by way of cross-examination, but also the confrontation clause is designed to afford the accused the opportunity to know what the accusation is in order that he may meet it either by his own testimony or the testimony of others.

So I see your problem, and I do not mean to minimize it, but absent something that tells me that I should not apply Dutton here, I feel obliged to do so.

MR. WADDEN: Your Honor, may I make this one observation?

THE COURT: Sure, Mr. Wadden.

MR. WADDEN: I specifically eliminated from your consideration 141-T, which is Williams, Webbe and Robert Bjornsen.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. WADDEN: We did cross-examine Webbe, and we have the right to cross-examine Bjornsen.

I also eliminated 143-T, which was Allen Dorfman and Roy Williams, because Mr. Williams has the ability to take the stand and testify.

I also eliminated from your consideration 143-A-T, which, again, Mr. Williams is a party to.

So I recognized and gave credence to what your Honor just said.

Judge, it doesn't eliminate the problem that Mr. Williams has in trying to defend himself, and I think your Honor understands why I want to make this record.

THE COURT: I do.

MR. WADDEN: I think it is totally unfair for Mr. Williams to be put on trial under the circumstances, and, as your Honor knows, sometimes there is prejudice in a case and the Court of Appeals says it is harmless error, and there is prejudice which the Court of Appeals says is reversible error.

We believe that the application of the conspiracy heresay exception in the circumstances, where the whole Government's case is built upon it, basically against Mr. Williams, is like reversible error, and the Court, you know, should grant us relief and give us severance.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether electronically intercepted conversations that were evidence of bribery are inadmissible because they were obtained by agents while lawfully executing a warrant that authorized the interception of conversations pertaining to another offense.

2. Whether evidence obtained pursuant to an extension of a warrant authorizing a wiretap must be suppressed on the ground that the application for the extension was insufficient, even though the application established probable cause and any defects in it tended to diminish, not increase, the likelihood that a warrant would issue.

3. Whether the court of appeals applied an incorrect standard in reviewing the district court's determination that statements in a warrant application were not intentionally false or made in reckless disregard of the truth.

4. Whether the admission against petitioners of statements by co-conspirators violated the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment.

5. Whether petitioners are entitled to relief on the basis of newly discovered evidence of an alleged violation of the rights of a co-defendant who is not before the Court.

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The opinion of the court of appeals (Pet. App. 1a-40a)[1] is reported at 737 F.2d 594. The opinion of the district court denying petitioners' motions to suppress

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[1] Unless otherwise noted, "Pet. App." refers to the appendix to the petition in No. 84-256.

evidence (Pet. App. 44a-131a) is reported at 542 F. Supp. 345. The opinion of the district court denying petitioners' motion for a new trial (84-292 Pet. App. 41a-80a) is unreported.

JURISDICTION

The judgment of the court of appeals (Pet. App. 41a) was entered on June 8, 1984. A petition for rehearing (Pet. App. 42a-43a) was denied on July 12, 1984. The petition for a writ of certiorari in No. 84-256 was filed on August 16, 1984; the petition in No. 84-292 was filed on August 20, 1984. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. 1254(1).

STATEMENT

Following a jury trial in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, petitioners were convicted on all 11 counts of an indictment charging conspiracy to bribe a United States Senator, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 371; interstate travel to promote the bribery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1952; and wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1343 (Pet. App. 1a). Petitioner Williams was sentenced to the maximum term of imprisonment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 4205(c), in order to permit a study of his health; the district court indicated that the sentence will be reduced when the study is complete. Pet. App. 6a. Petitioner O'Malley was sentenced to a 30-month term of imprisonment, to be followed by five years' probation. Petitioner Massa was sentenced to imprisonment for a year and a day, to be followed by five years' probation. The district court also fined petitioner Williams $29,000.

The evidence showed that petitioners, together with co-defendants Allen Dorfman and Joseph Lombardo

and unindicted co-conspirator William Webbe,[2] devised and pursued a scheme to bribe a United States Senator at the expense of the Teamsters' Central States Pension Fund.[3] The scheme involved the proposed purchase of a piece of property ("the Wonderworld property") in Las Vegas, Nevada, near the residence of Senator Howard Cannon. Pet. App. 2a-3a. The government's evidence consisted in large part of conversations surreptitiously intercepted and recorded pursuant to court-ordered wiretaps (*id.* at 7a).

1. On January 29, 1979, the government obtained an order authorizing a tap on the telephones at Dorfman's insurance agency. The application for the order stated that there was probable cause to believe that Dorfman was illegally maintaining a hidden interest in three Nevada casinos. The government began monitoring pursuant to this order. Pet. App. 7a.

The order expired after 30 days (see 18 U.S.C. 2518(5)), and the government filed an application for an extension. The application for an extension repeated the allegations contained in the January 29 application but added the allegation of an illegal spe-

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[2] Dorfman and Lombardo were also convicted on all 11 counts. Lombardo was sentenced to a 15-year term of imprisonment, to be followed by five years' probation, and fined $29,000; his conviction was affirmed, and he has sought certiorari (No. 84-585). Dorfman was murdered prior to sentencing, and his case was dismissed as moot (Pet. App. 2a n.1).

[3] The full name of the Fund is "Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund" (Pet. App. 2a n.2). It was created by collective bargaining agreements between the Teamsters Union and employers; its function is to pay benefits to retired union members (*id.* at 2a).

cial interest in the Aladdin hotel-casino (Pet. App. 7a-8a). This allegation was stated in an affidavit filed by FBI Special Agent Wacks and was supported by transcripts of conversations overheard pursuant to the January 29 order. The extension application was granted on March 1, 1979. *Ibid.*

The government then obtained a series of 30-day authorizations through 1979 and into 1980. The application of April 28, 1979, was the first to allege that Dorfman and others were involved in a conspiracy to bribe Senator Cannon. Pet. App. 8a. The government also obtained and executed an order authorizing the electronic overhearing of conversations in Dorfman's and Webbe's offices. *Ibid.*

2. The Pension Fund acquired the Wonderworld property in 1972 but lost direct control over its management and disposition in 1977, when the Victor Palmieri Company was retained to manage the Fund's real estate assets. The Pension Fund's trustees relinquished managerial control to Palmieri and retained only the right to monitor Palmieri and to remedy breaches of fiduciary duty. Pet. App. 2a-3a. In 1978, Palmieri decided to sell the Wonderworld property. Nearby homeowners, concerned that a high-rise building would be built on the land, organized a homeowner group, selected Senator Cannon as their spokesman, and decided to purchase the land with a view toward having the zoning of the property changed so that it could not be used for high-rise development (*id.* at 3a). At a homeowners' meeting, Senator Cannon offered to call Dorfman to determine whether the group could buy the property directly from the Pension Fund.[4] In addition, the group agreed to Sen-

[4] Dorfman was not then formally associated with the Fund, but his insurance company had previously insured many of the Fund's assets and had offices in the same building that housed the Fund (Pet. App. 3a).

ator Cannon's suggestion that his son-in-law, Robert Bjornsen, serve as the group's agent for the Wonderworld transaction. In late December 1978, Bjornsen initiated contacts with Palmieri. *Ibid.*

On January 8, 1979, the Palmieri Company invited sealed bids for the Wonderworld property. It set several conditions, including a minimum bid of $1.4 million. Two days later, Senator Cannon met in his Las Vegas office with petitioner Williams, then an international vice-president of the Teamsters Union,[5] Dorfman, and Edward Wheeler, a lawyer who represented the Teamsters on legislative matters. Pet. App. 3a-4a. At the meeting, Wheeler voiced the Teamsters' objections to a legislative proposal, recently introduced in Congress, to deregulate the trucking industry (*id.* at 4a). At the conclusion of the presentation, Wheeler left the office, at Williams's request. Williams, Dorfman, and Senator Cannon remained for another 25 to 45 minutes, discussing the Wonderworld property and the homeowners' effort to purchase the land. Williams and Dorfman, seeking to influence Senator Cannon's actions and decisions on the deregulation legislation, offered the Senator and his group the exclusive right to purchase the Wonderworld property for the minimum bid price of $1.4 million. During the next four months, petitioners, Dorfman, and Dorfman's associate, William Webbe, worked to keep this promise. *Ibid.*

On January 12, 1979, Bjornsen submitted a $1.4 million bid on behalf of the homeowners. A bid of $1.6 million was submitted by investor Allen Glick. Palmieri rejected both bids for failure to comply with

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[5] Williams subsequently became the international president of the Teamsters. He resigned that position as a condition of admission to bail (Pet. App. 3a n.3). See *United States* v. *Williams*, 565 F. Supp. 350, 353 n.1 (N.D. Ill. 1983).

other bid conditions. In the absence of other complying bids, however, Palmieri continued to negotiate with Bjorsen, the homeowners' agent, and Glick, the high bidder. Pet. App. 4a.

When Glick resubmitted his offer, raising the amount of the down payment, a Palmieri representative accepted the offer and mailed Glick closing documents on January 29, 1979. At this point, petitioners made a concerted effort to effect the withdrawal of Glick's offer. Pet. App. 4a. The next day, Joseph Lombardo, "whose vocational status is something of a mystery" (*ibid.*), proposed to Dorfman that two Pension Fund representatives—petitioner O'Malley, then a Fund trustee, and petitioner Massa, a former trustee—be sent to talk to Glick (*ibid.*). Williams approved the trip and made an airplane available to O'Malley and Massa (*id.* at 5a).

During a dinner meeting with Glick that evening, O'Malley and Massa candidly explained their intentions: they wanted to defeat legislation pending before Senator Cannon's Senate committee that was inimical to the trucking industry; a homeowners group headed by Senator Cannon wanted to purchase the Wonderworld property; and to secure the Senator's appreciation for their intercession, petitioners O'Malley and Massa asked Glick to withdraw his offer. Glick agreed to withdraw the offer and did so the following day. Pet. App. 5a.[6] Thus, by early March 1979, all competitors were removed from the scene, and Palmieri resumed negotiations with Bjornsen (*ibid.*).

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[6] Subsequently, Glick's partner, Fred Glusman, also withdrew an offer for $1.6 million when Glick told him not to "fight city hall" (Pet. App. 5a).

By then, however, the homeowners had lost interest in purchasing Wonderworld because it appeared that it was going to be zoned to preclude high-rise development in any event (Pet. App. 5a). Nevertheless, Dorfman and Webbe, who were determined to keep their promise to Senator Cannon, helped Bjornsen find a new partner for the purchase—Robert L. Smith, a Las Vegas contractor and business associate of Dorfman (*id.* at 5a-6a). Three bids submitted by Bjornsen on behalf of Smith were rejected by Palmieri because of insufficient down payments, and throughout the final stages of the conspiracy Williams and Dorfman lamented their inability to fulfill the commitment made to Senator Cannon. As late as May 21, 1979, Dorfman assured the Senator that the deal was still "wide open." *Id.* at 6a. On May 25, 1979, however, Palmieri accepted a $1.6 million offer from another corporation, and on July 2 the Wonderworld property was sold (*ibid.*).

3. Before trial, petitioners moved to suppress evidence obtained through electronic surveillance. The district court denied the motion (Pet. App. 44a-131a). The court of appeals affirmed petitioners' convictions, "[f]inding no merit" (*id.* at 2a) in petitioners' various contentions.

ARGUMENT

1. Petitioners contend (84-256 Pet. 9-12)[7] that the district court should have suppressed the contents of 33 conversations overheard pursuant to court orders before April 28, 1979, the date of the first application that alleged a conspiracy to bribe Senator Cannon. Petitioners' argument appears to be that the

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[7] Petitioners O'Malley and Massa seek to adopt petitioner Williams's contentions (see 84-292 Pet. 3 n.1).

orders did not authorize the recording of these conversations (see 84-256 Pet. 9, 11-12) and that the conversations were not so obviously incriminating that they can be analogized to physical evidence that can be seized if found in plain view (*id.* at 10-11). The court of appeals correctly rejected this contention (Pet. App. 15a-19a).

Petitioners ignore the fact that, as this court has recognized, law enforcement officers engaged in electronic surveillance are not—and cannot possibly be—required to avoid intercepting every conversation that turns out not to be related to the offenses specified in the warrant. Because the significance of a conversation often cannot be determined until it is considered in its entirety and in context, agents conducting electronic surveillance "can hardly be expected to know that [a particular] call[] [is] not pertinent" to the offenses specified in the warrant "prior to [the call's] termination." *Scott* v. *United States*, 436 U.S. 128, 140 (1978); see *United States* v. *Chavez*, 533 F.2d 491, 493 (9th Cir.), cert. denied, 426 U.S. 911 (1976); Pet. App. 16a (citing cases). For example, even if an overheard conversation begins on an innocent note, it may then turn to the subject of the authorized investigation. Or calls may be cryptic or may contain guarded conversation and veiled references; to determine the incriminating character of such a conversation, it may be necessary for the agents to review the recording in light of other evidence. See *Scott*, 436 U.S. at 140.

For these reasons, the mere fact that the agents in this case recorded conversations pertaining to the bribery scheme at a time when they were executing a warrant related to the casino interests does not mean that they acted in an unreasonable or unlawful

fashion. Indeed, Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. 2510 *et seq.*, specifically authorizes the use of intercepted "communications relating to offenses other than those specified in the order" authorizing the surveillance (18 U.S.C. 2517(5)). "Evidence of crimes other than those authorized in a wiretap warrant [is lawfully] intercepted * * * when [it is] the by-product of a bona fide investigation of crimes specified in a valid warrant. Congress did not intend that a suspect be insulated from evidence of one of his illegal activities gathered during the course of a bona fide investigation of another of his illegal activities merely because law enforcement agents are unaware of his diversified criminal portfolio." *United States* v. *McKinnon*, 721 F.2d 19, 23 (1st Cir. 1983) (footnote omitted).

To be sure, agents conducting electronic surveillance may not indiscriminately record every conversation they are able to intercept. They are required to execute the warrant "in such a way as to minimize the interception of communications not otherwise subject to interception" (18 U.S.C. 2518(5)). Moreover, there are statutory limits on the use of intercepted conversations that do not pertain to the offenses specified in the warrant (18 U.S.C. 2517 (5)). But petitioners have not alleged a violation of either of these provisions. See Pet. App. 15a-16a, 19a.

In sum, because the agents complied with the minimization requirement, they executed the warrant in a reasonable fashion, and there was no basis for suppressing the conversations they recorded. Since the 33 conversations concerning the bribery were the product of a reasonable execution of the warrant,

petitioners are incorrect in suggesting that their use at trial must depend on an analogue of the "plain view" doctrine. Petitioners cite three decisions holding that physical evidence that is not described in a warrant, but is in the plain view of officers conducting a search pursuant to a warrant, cannot be seized unless the officers have probable cause at the time of seizure to believe that it is incriminating. 84-256 Pet. 10, citing *United States* v. *Wright*, 667 F.2d 793, 797-799 (9th Cir. 1982); *United States* v. *Clark*, 531 F.2d 928, 932 (8th Cir. 1976); and *United States* v. *Gray*, 484 F.2d 352, 355-356 (6th Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 414 U.S. 1158 (1974). But the justification for the interception and recording of the 33 conversations at issue here is not that there was probable cause, at the time of the interception, to believe that the conversations were incriminating—although the court of appeals suggested that that was true in this case (Pet. App. 17a). Rather, the justification is that the practicalities of electronic surveillance make it reasonable and necessary to allow agents sometimes to record conversations that turn out to be unrelated to the offenses described in the warrant. The limit on the agents' authority is not the requirement of probable cause but the minimization requirement. Contrary to petitioners (84-256 Pet. 11), *United States* v. *Sedovic*, 679 F.2d 1233, 1237 n.4 (8th Cir. 1982); *United States* v. *Masciarelli*, 558 F.2d 1064, 1066-1067 (2d Cir. 1977); and *United States* v. *Johnson*, 539 F.2d 181, 188 (D.C. Cir. 1976), cert. denied, 429 U.S. 1061 (1977), do not suggest that the minimization requirement has been breached if agents record a conversation at a time when they do not have probable cause to believe that it is incriminating; on the contrary, as we have noted, and as this

Court recognized in *Scott*, sometimes even the incriminating nature of conversations that are *related to* the offense described in the warrant will not be revealed until the conversation has been recorded and reviewed in its entirety and in the context of other conversations.

2. 18 U.S.C. 2518(1)(f) requires an application for an extension of an order authorizing a wiretap to include "a statement setting forth the results thus far obtained from the interception, or a reasonable explanation of the failure to obtain such results." This Court has explained that "the function of § 2518 (1)(f) is to permit the court realistically to appraise the probability that relevant conversations will be overheard in the future. If during the initial period no communications of the kind that had been anticipated had been overheard, the Act requires an adequate explanation for the failure before the necessary findings can be made as a predicate to an extension order." *United States* v. *Giordano*, 416 U.S. 505, 532 (1974). Petitioners contend (84-256 Pet. 12-13) that the government's first application for an extension, filed on March 1, 1979, was invalid because it did not include the explanation required by Section 2518(1)(f).

There is no dispute that the government's application for the March 1 extension included a full account of the results obtained to that point. On its face, the language of Section 2518(1)(f)—which specifies that the government must provide such an account *or* an explanation of the failure to obtain results—seems to require no more. Moreover, the government pointed out in the court of appeals that its application for an extension stated, as an explanation for the failure to obtain more complete results,

that Dorfman was away during the entire first 30-day period. See Pet. App. 9a.

Although the court of appeals said that it would "hesitate" to hold that this statement constituted an adequate explanation of the failure to obtain more complete results (Pet. App. 9a), it rejected petitioners' contention for the following independent reasons (*id.* at 9a-10a; footnote omitted):

> [A]llegations concerning the Aladdin hotel-casino were made first in the March 1 application. Special Agent Wacks alleged in his affidavit that the FBI had intercepted conversations pursuant to the January 29 wiretap order that "concerned the promotion and management of hidden and unlawful interests in the Aladdin hotel-casino." Wacks provided the court with transcripts of the conversations, biographical information on the participants, and the meaning of certain veiled references.
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> Wacks' allegations and the transcripts of conversations formed an ample basis for the Chief Judge's probable-cause finding * * *. The one-month old allegations concerning other casinos were surplus, and any failure to explain the lack of intercepted calls to substantiate the January 29 allegations was rendered immaterial. Apart from the purportedly inadequate § 2518(1)(f) explanation, the defendants cite, and we have discovered, no other statutory deficiency in the government's March 1 submissions. All predicates for a Title III order were thus satisfied and the Chief Judge properly issued the wiretap authorization.

Petitioners assert (84-256 Pet. 12-13) that this reasoning is inconsistent with *United States* v. *Giordano*, *supra*. But the Court's opinion in *Giordano*

explicitly stated that the extension order in that case was invalid because it was a fruit of surveillance conducted pursuant to an invalid initial order (416 U.S. at 531-532): "It is apparent * * * that the communications intercepted pursuant to the extension order were evidence derived from the communications invalidly intercepted pursuant to the initial order." [8] Petitioners do not allege that the showing of probable cause needed to obtain the extension in this case was in any way derived from an earlier illegal surveillance.

Instead, petitioners appear to advocate a blanket rule that evidence obtained through an extension of a wiretap authorization must always be suppressed if the extension application does not contain an explanation of why the initial surveillance did not obtain more complete results. Such a rule would serve no purpose. The judge who considered the extension application in this case had before him the results of the initial surveillance and could see the extent to which they were incomplete. Ordinarly, unexplained incomplete results from the initial wiretap would *undermine* the government's effort to show that it had probable cause to believe that an extension would bear fruit, whereas an explanation for the incomplete results would help the government show probable cause by explaining why the extension might succeed where the initial surveillance did not. This Court has ruled that suppression is the correct remedy

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[8] The passage that petitioners quote from *Giordano* (84-256 Pet. 13) omits two sentences that make it clear that the basis of the Court's ruling was that there was at least a significant likelihood that the extension order was based on information obtained through execution of the initial, invalid order. See 416 U.S. at 533.

for a violation of Title III only if the violation increases the risk that electronic surveillance will occur in circumstances in which Congress did not intend to authorize it. See *United States* v. *Donovan*, 429 U.S. 413, 432-440 (1977); *United States* v. *Chavez*, 416 U.S. 562, 574-575 (1974); *Giordano*, 416 U.S. at 527. The violation alleged by petitioners has, if anything, the opposite effect; it diminishes the likelihood of the government's obtaining a warrant even when probable cause might exist. Suppression is, therefore, clearly not an appropriate remedy.

3. The March 1, 1979, extension authorized the interception of conversations pertaining to the Aladdin hotel-casino because FBI Special Agent Wacks, in an affidavit supporting the extension application, stated that some conversations overheard during the first 30 days' surveillance concerned the "promotion and management of hidden and unlawful financial interests in the Aladdin hotel-casino" (Pet. App. 10a). This statement proved to be in error; the conversations Special Agent Wacks mistakenly believed were about the Aladdin hotel-casino in fact concerned the conspiracy to bribe Senator Cannon (*ibid.*). Petitioners, relying on *Franks* v. *Delaware*, 438 U.S. 154, 171 (1978), sought to suppress the evidence obtained pursuant to the March 1 order on the ground that Special Agent Wacks's statements were intentionally false or made with reckless disregard for the truth.

The district court discussed the legal principles applicable to this claim as follows (Pet. App. 67a-68a):

> *Franks* provides little guidance as to what constitutes "reckless disregard for the truth." A useful analogy, however, is provided by the principle of first amendment law that liability for a defamatory statement regarding a public figure

> cannot be imposed unless the plaintiff proves that the defendant acted with reckless disregard for the truth * * *.
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> [T]his branch of first amendment law * * * indicates that the reckless disregard for truth required by *Franks* is not established by a mere failure to investigate. Rather, it can only be demonstrated if [petitioners] can establish that the government in fact entertained serious doubts as to the truth of the affidavits or had obvious reasons to doubt the accuracy of the information contained therein.

After conducting a hearing, the district court, in a detailed discussion, rejected petitioners' allegations of a *Franks* violation (*id.* at 77a-90a). The court of appeals agreed that the district court had applied the correct legal principles and upheld its determination as not clearly erroneous (*id.* at 11a-15a). Specifically, the court of appeals, after considering the evidence, concluded that the intercepted "conversations by themselves could have led a reasonable person to conclude that Allen Dorfman and his associates were involved in an effort to acquire, promote, or manage a hidden interest in the Aladdin hotel-casino. And Special Agent Wacks' investigation revealed further facts to support such a thesis." *Id.* at 12a.

Petitioners' sole contention (84-256 Pet. 14) is that because this Court held, in *Bose Corp.* v. *Consumers Union, Inc.*, No. 82-1246 (Apr. 30, 1984), that the clearly erroneous standard does not apply to review of a finding of actual malice in the First Amendment area, the court of appeals erred in applying the clearly erroneous standard in this case to review the district court's finding under *Franks*. But the Court's decision in *Bose Corp.* rested primarily

on the Court's traditional willingness to undertake (and to require other appellate courts to undertake) a more searching review of the application of legal standards to particular factual circumstances in First Amendment cases (see slip op. 12-13) and on the extraordinary significance of a decision that certain speech is without First Amendment protection. See slip op. 18-25; *id.* at 19 ("In such cases [involving allegedly unprotected speech], the Court has regularly conducted an independent review of the record both to be sure that the speech in question actually falls within the unprotected category and to confine the perimeters of any unprotected category within acceptably narrow limits in an effort to ensure that protected expression will not be inhibited."). Because this is not a First Amendment case, such concerns are not present here.

Moreover, there is nothing in the court of appeals' discussion suggesting that it believed that the district court's findings only marginally satisfied the clearly erroneous standard and would have been reversed under a more exacting standard. On the contrary, it seems clear that the court of appeals would have reached the same conclusion even if it had been required "independently [to] decide" (*Bose Corp.*, slip op. 25) whether the evidence established that Special Agent Wacks acted with reckless disregard for the truth.

4. Petitioners further contend (84-256 Pet. 14-17) that the admission against them of certain of the recorded conversations violated the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment. Although Webbe and Williams testified at the trial, the other defendants declined to do so and therefore could not be cross-examined on the statements they made during

the recorded conversations. The courts below held that these conversations were not hearsay but were admissible as statements by co-conspirators in furtherance of the conspiracy (Fed. R. Evid. 801(d)(2)(E)), and petitioners no longer take issue with that conclusion.

In *Ohio* v. *Roberts*, 448 U.S. 56 (1980), this Court noted that when hearsay evidence is offered at trial, the Confrontation Clause ordinarily requires a showing that the declarant is unavailable and that his statement bears adequate indicia of reliability. See *id.* at 65-66. The Court added that "[r]eliability can be inferred without more in a case where the evidence falls within a firmly rooted hearsay exception. In other cases, the evidence must be excluded, at least absent a showing of particularized guarantees of trustworthiness." *Id.* at 66 (footnote omitted). The court of appeals, following established Seventh Circuit precedent, held that co-conspirators' statements constitute a "firmly rooted hearsay exception" within the meaning of *Ohio* v. *Roberts*. See Pet. App. 27a (citing cases).[9] The majority of the courts of appeals have adopted this position. See, *e.g.*, *United States* v. *Lurz*, 666 F.2d 69, 80-81 (4th Cir. 1981), cert. denied, 455 U.S. 1005 (1982); *United States* v. *Bruner*, 657 F.2d 1278, 1285 & n.8 (D.C. Cir. 1981); *United States* v. *Peacock*, 654 F.2d 339, 349-350 (5th Cir. 1981), cert. denied, No. 82-1069 (Nov. 7, 1983); *United States* v. *Burroughs*, 650 F.2d 595, 597 n.3 (5th Cir.), cert. denied, 454 U.S. 1037 (1981);

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[9] The co-defendants who chose not to testify were unavailable (see Fed. R. Evid. 804(a)(1)), and in any event the Court stated in *Roberts* that a "demonstration of unavailability * * * is not always required" (448 U.S. at 65 n.7).

United States v. *Marks*, 585 F.2d 164, 170 n.5 (6th Cir. 1978); *Ottomano* v. *United States*, 468 F.2d 269, 273 (1st Cir. 1972), cert. denied, 409 U.S. 1128 (1973). A minority of the courts of appeals have said that they adopt the rule petitioners urge (see 84-256 Pet. 16)—that courts must determine in each case whether the co-conspirator statements bear sufficient indicia of reliability. See, *e.g.*, *United States* v. *Ammar*, 714 F.2d 238, 254-256 (3d Cir.), cert. denied, No. 83-319 (Oct. 31, 1983); *United States* v. *Wright*, 588 F.2d 31, 37-38 (2d Cir. 1978), cert. denied, 440 U.S. 917 (1979); *United States* v. *Kelley*, 526 F.2d 615, 620-621 (8th Cir. 1975), cert. denied, 424 U.S. 971 (1976); *United States* v. *Perez*, 658 F.2d 654, 660-662 & n.5 (9th Cir. 1981).[10]

But as at least one court that has adopted petitioner's position has recognized (see *Wright*, 588 F.2d at 38, quoting *United States* v. *Puco*, 476 F.2d 1099 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 414 U.S. 844 (1973)), this disagreement among the circuits has so far been more apparent than real, because co-conspirator statements that satisfy Rule 801(d)(2)(E) are often made under circumstances that give adequate assurance of their reliability. Indeed, we know of no case, and

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[10] Petitioners also rely on *United States* v. *Vadino*, 680 F.2d 1329, 1334 (11th Cir. 1982), cert. denied, 460 U.S. 1082 (1983). Although the court of appeals in that case remarked, in the course of rejecting a Confrontation Clause challenge to the admission of co-conspirator statements, that the statements possessed indicia of reliability, the court did not address the issue raised by petitioners. Had the court addressed that question, it would presumably have recognized that it was bound by the Fifth Circuit's decision in *United States* v. *Peacock*, *supra*.

petitioners cite none, in which a court of appeals has actually held that statements satisfying the requirement of Fed. R. Evid. 801(d)(2)(E) were nonetheless inadmissible by virtue of the Confrontation Clause; in every decision that endorses the position urged by petitioners, the court of appeals found sufficient indicia of reliability and held that the co-conspirator statements were admissible.

Moreover, petitioners would not be entitled to relief even in the circuits that have announced that they will undertake a case-by-case inquiry, because there are ample indicia of the reliability of the statements at issue here. First, the critical declarations were corroborated by, or were made in the presence of, each of the defendants. Dorfman characterized the "commitment" that was made to Senator Cannon in similar fashion during conversations with petitioner O'Malley (C.A. App. 175, 178, 194-211), petitioner Massa (*id.* at 191-193), Lombardo (*id.* at 194-195), and Webbe (*id.* at 220-229). Dorfman's characterization was further corroborated by the similar characterization given by petitioner Williams in a recorded conversation with Webbe (*id.* at 186-189).

Second, the declarations were captured on tape, rather than being offered through a third party's recollection. The jury therefore had the opportunity to assess the tone, the exact wording, and the context of the declarations. Moreover, Webbe, a witness who was friendly toward petitioners, testified at length about the many conversations to which he was a party; the jury therefore had that aid in assessing the context and meaning of the declarations.

Finally, the declarations were made during the course of the unlawful conduct in this case. Thus they were trustworthy both because they were

against the penal interests of the declarants (see, *e.g.*, *United States* v. *D'Amato*, 493 F.2d 359 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 419 U.S. 826 (1974)), and because the comments were roughly contemporaneous with the events being discussed and thus were not likely to be the product of a failure of recollection (see *Wright*, 588 F.2d at 37-38). For these reasons, the co-conspirator statements in this case would be admissible in any circuit.[11]

5. Finally, petitioners O'Malley and Massa contend that the district court abused its discretion in denying their post-judgment motion for a new trial on the basis of newly discovered evidence. The "newly discovered evidence" was an affidavit by former FBI Agent H. Edward Tickel stating that before any Title III authorization was obtained, he had participated in surreptitious entries of Dorfman's offices for the purpose of examining their security systems. Tickel speculated that the information he learned about the alarm and security systems enabled the agents who subsequently installed the surveillance devices authorized by Title III to circumvent the security systems. Pet. App. 38a; 84-292 Pet. App. 52a.[12]

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[11] This Court recently declined to review a Seventh Circuit decision applying the rule that petitioners challenge. *Sanson* v. *United States*, cert. denied, No. 83-6454 (June 25, 1984). There is no more reason for the Court to review this case.

[12] Tickel executed the affidavit shortly after being convicted of unrelated offenses he committed while he was an FBI agent. See *Tickel* v. *United States*, cert. denied, No. 84-509 (Nov. 5, 1984). The government's response to petitioners' motion for a new trial undertook to demonstrate that Tickel's affidavit was incredible on its face, and the district court's findings, which we describe below, show that it would have

The district court denied the motion without a hearing on numerous grounds (84-292 Pet. App. 41a-80a). Specifically, the court stated that it doubted whether the evidence came to petitioners' attention only after trial (*id.* at 53a-54a); that it doubted whether petitioners had exercised due diligence in uncovering the evidence (*id.* at 54a-55a); and that petitioners lacked "standing" to assert Tickel's alleged actions as a basis for suppressing evidence, since those actions did not violate petitioners' rights under the Fourth Amendment or Title III (*id.* at 56a-65a). In addition, the district court stated (*id.* at 68a-70a; footnotes omitted):

> [Petitioners'] showing that the microphones could not have been installed in Dorfman's and Webbe's offices and the evidence used at trial could not have been obtained but for the illegality is deficient.
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> First, the Tickel affidavit and uncontroverted affidavits submitted by the government indicate that the FBI had independent sources for all of the information supplied by Tickel as a result of the unlawful entries. The affidavits indicate that the government was able to enter the building with [a] magnetic card, that a confidential informant gave it information needed to defeat Amalgamated's [(Dorfman's offices')] alarm system, and that the phone company also gave it information that enabled it to defeat the system. The affidavits indicate that these independent sources not only could have been but in fact

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been pointless for the government to have conducted the illegal entries described in Tickel's affidavit. See pages 21-22, *infra*.

were used to defeat the alarms and place the microphones after the [Title III] order was issued. Thus, [petitioners] have not shown that the unlawful entries enabled the government to obtain evidence that it would not have lawfully obtained absent the illegality.

Second, even if entries into Amalgamated were necessary to learn about Amalgamated's alarm system, there is no showing that they would have not been speedily accomplished legally after the [Title III] order issued. It is clear that once an authorization for Title III surveillance issues, the government may surreptitiously enter the target's premises to plant microphones. See *Dalia* v. *United States*, 441 U.S. 238 * * * (1979). * * * There is no reason that, absent the earlier entries, the government would not have speedily and lawfully had Tickel enter the building and do exactly the same things he alleges he did earlier to enable the FBI to defeat the alarm system. * * * Thus, absent the earlier entries the FBI still would have developed the information to defeat the alarm system in time to intercept all of the conversations offered at trial. Finally, the Tickel affidavit indicates that the unlawful entries were entirely unnecessary. * * * [S]urveillance revealed that the cleaning people left the doors unlocked, the alarm off and the offices unattended every day. Tickel [according to his affidavit] used this fact to enter the office [on one occasion]. That being the case, the FBI would easily have slipped into the offices and planted the microphones immediately after [obtaining the warrant] without ever having to defeat the alarm system. Thus, the government would have intercepted the conversations offered at trial absent the unlawful conduct.

The court of appeals stated (Pet. App. 38a): "We could affirm on any of several grounds, but will select the most obvious one—the defendants' lack of standing." This ruling was clearly correct. As this Court held in *United States* v. *Payner*, 447 U.S. 727, 731 (1980) (emphasis in original), a party's "Fourth Amendment rights are violated only when the challenged conduct invaded *his* legitimate expectation of privacy rather than that of a third party. *Rakas* v. *Illinois*, 439 U.S. [128,] 143 [(1978).]" While Tickel's alleged actions may have violated Dorfman's rights, petitioners do not claim that they had any protected interest in the areas Tickel supposedly entered. They are therefore not entitled to any relief on the basis of Tickel's alleged actions.

Petitioners appear to assert that they are entitled to relief because their conversations were intercepted "as a result of [the] surreptitious entries" (84-292 Pet. 10) or "[a]s a consequence" of the entries (*id.* at 11). But even assuming that petitioners' assumptions are correct—that, contrary to the district court's findings, the surveillance could not have been accomplished without the alleged illegal entries, and that a lawful search is "tainted" if unlawful activity was previously undertaken to remove private security devices that would have foiled the search (cf. *Segura* v. *United States*, No. 82-5298 (July 5, 1984), slip op. 19-20)—petitioners labor under a fundamental misunderstanding of the applicable law. As both courts below noted, it is well established that "a defendant may not successfully challenge the admissibility of evidence on the basis that the evidence is tainted [by] (or 'the fruit of') some past infringement of another's rights." Pet. App. 39a (citing cases); see 84-

292 Pet. App. 60a-61a (citing cases); *id.* at 64a-65a (citing cases).[13] The doctrine that a party may seek suppression only if his own Fourth Amendment rights have been violated necessarily means that evidence directly discovered by an unlawful search of Dorfman's office could be admitted against petitioners. It follows that there is certainly no difficulty in admitting evidence—the contents of the recorded conversations—that was not discovered directly through the alleged illegal search but was supposedly at the end of a speculative causal chain that began with such a search.[14]

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[13] Petitioners do not take issue with the consistent holding of these cases; instead, they attempt to distinguish them on the ground that "[h]ere, of course, the entire purpose of the unlawful entries was to gather information to facilitate the interception of petitioners' conversations" (84-292 Pet. 13 n.13). But this is just an argument for treating the evidence gained from the electronic surveillance as "fruits" of the unlawful entries. It is not a reason for concluding that the entries themselves violated petitioners' rights under the Fourth Amendment or Title III.

[14] Petitioners' reliance (84-292 Pet. 15-16) on *United States* v. *Dorfman*, 690 F.2d 1217 (7th Cir. 1982), an earlier decision related to this prosecution, is puzzling. In *Dorfman*, the persons seeking to suppress evidence were parties to conversations that, they alleged, were intercepted in violation of Title III (or the Fourth Amendment). They were alleging, therefore, that their own rights had been violated; the only question was whether suppression was the proper remedy. Petitioners fail to allege that the supposed illegal entry violated their rights.

CONCLUSION

The petitions for a writ of certiorari should be denied.

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The Solicitor General's lengthy Brief in Opposition supports our view that the legal grounds relied on by the courts below depart significantly from established principles of constitutional and statutory law. Important protections afforded by Congress in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to render electronic eavesdropping constitutional have simply been ignored in the judgment affirming petitioner's conviction. And the affirmance of petitioner's conviction rests on a legal con-

clusion regarding the admissibility of hearsay declarations that conflicts with the decisions of four courts of appeals.

1. The Solicitor General concedes that the seizure of 33 conversations recorded by the FBI agents months before they had any suspicion that there was a bribery conspiracy was not based on a determination that "there was probable cause, at the time of the interception, to believe that the conversations were incriminating" (Br. in Opp. 10). The Solicitor General argues only that "the practicalities of electronic surveillance" made it "reasonable and necessary" to permit the agents to record conversations that were unrelated to the lawful objects of the search as defined in the judicial warrant (*id.*).

The Solicitor General thereby obliterates the difference between the transitory intrusion of a search — during which "practicalities" may justify officers' examination of items that are not squarely within the described bounds of a warrant — and a seizure — which must rest on probable cause justifying the government's extended exercise of custody and control over private property. We acknowledge — and have never disputed — that while agents are conducting an electronic surveillance, they may overhear conversations that do not initially appear to be squarely within the four corners of the warrant. With regard to this "search" aspect of electronic surveillance, the "minimization" requirement of Title III of the Safe Streets Act is the appropriate limitation.

Different statutory and constitutional principles apply, however, to the agents' *permanent* recording — *i.e.*, to their "seizure" — of conversations they have overheard. The statutory "minimization" obligation is irrelevant to the authority to "seize" — *i.e.*, to the agents' power to

record intercepted conversations for use months or years later. Indeed, this Court's opinion in *Scott v. United States,* 436 U.S. 128 (1978), on which the Solicitor General places heavy reliance (Br. in Opp. 8, 10-11), noted that the intercepted conversations in that case could not accurately be classified "prior to their termination" (436 U.S. at 140) or "until completion of these calls" (436 U.S. at 142). When the conversation is completed – or shortly thereafter – the nature of the conversation may be determined and a decision made whether it has to be "seized." It was never suggested in *Scott* or in any other decision of this Court that long after "termination" or "completion" of the calls they may be retained – or "seized" – for examination and use in light of discoveries and events that occur months later.

To our knowledge, this is the first case in which a court has held that any conversation that an agent may lawfully overhear and record temporarily (so that it not be lost if, at the conclusion of the conversation, it may be lawfully "seized") is, *ipso facto,* subject to total seizure and permanent retention.[1]

If the decision below is permitted to stand, the constitutional requirement that a warrant "particularly describe the . . . things to be seized" has become a dead letter in the area of electronic surveillance. By the same token, subsection 4(c) of 18 U.S.C. § 2518, which prescribes that an

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[1]We noted in our Petition (p. 11) that Justice Harlan had distinguished in *Berger* v. *New York,* 388 U.S. 41, 98-99 (1967), between "search" and "seizure" of conversations subject to electronic surveillance. The Solicitor General totally ignores this distinction and fails to deal with Justice Harlan's observation.

order authorizing an electronic surveillance must include "a particular description of the type of communication sought to be intercepted, and a statement of the particular offense to which it relates," is effectively written out of the law. Regardless of the specific description in the judicial order, the overhearing agents may, under the Solicitor General's rationale, "seize" – *i.e.*, record for posterity – any communication to which they are legally entitled to listen under the very limited temporary authorization discussed in *Scott*.

The Fourth Amendment's search-and-seizure provisions do not authorize similar permanent invasions of privacy and deprivations of property rights in any other search. When a warrant for physical evidence is executed, only the things described in the warrant, or contraband and incriminating evidence "in plain view," may be seized by the officers engaged in the search. If the officers go beyond those limitations, the seized evidence must be suppressed and returned. In its opinion in *Andresen v. Maryland*, 427 U.S. 463, 482 n. 11 (1976), this Court warned that such a rule must be rigorously applied to "the 'seizure' of telephone conversations."

The decision of the court below conflicted, on this point, with decisions of the Fifth and Third Circuits in *United States v. Cook*, 657 F.2d 730 (5th Cir. 1981), and *United States v. Christine*, 687 F.2d 749 (3d Cir. 1982). Both courts have held that if seized physical or documentary evidence is found to be beyond the authorization of a valid search warrant, it must be suppressed. *See also United States v. Christine*, 563 F. Supp. 62 (D.N.J. 1983); *United States v. Perez*, 562 F. Supp. 574 (D.N.J. 1982) (suppressing seized evidence beyond scope of valid warrant).

The decision of the Seventh Circuit in this case also conflicts with the recent ruling of the New York Court of Appeals in *People v. Basilicato,* decided December 20, 1984, 36 Crim. L. Rep. 2267. During the execution of a judicially authorized telephone wiretap, officers overheard two conversations which were not conducted on the telephone but which were overheard when the telephone was off the hook. The New York Court of Appeals held that the Fourth Amendment and *Berger v. New York, supra,* authorized the "seizure" of only what the warrant described — *i.e.,* telephonic conversations. Any other conversations "seized" during the warrant's execution had to be suppressed. The court also held that the seized conversations could be admitted only if they were otherwise in "plain view," and it concluded that the "plain view" doctrine did not apply on the facts of the surveillance at issue. The same reasoning would necessarily result in the suppression of the 33 conversations overheard and seized in this case.

2. The Solicitor General argues that "a full account" of the results of the wiretap was given in the FBI agent's first application for an extension of the wiretap surveillance and that the statute authorizes either "such an account *or* an explanation of the failure to obtain results" (Br. in Opp. 11). In fact, the statute does not refer to an "account," but only to a statement of "the results thus far obtained." The word "results" must mean affirmative fruits of the surveillance. The statutory requirement is not met by an enumeration of irrelevant conversations establishing that the wiretap has been fruitless. Indeed, it is precisely when there are no "results" that an explanation is needed.

Nor is there any validity whatever to the Solicitor General's assertion that the FBI agent's representation that Dorfman had been absent from Chicago for a month was

an explanation of the "failure to obtain results" (Br. in Opp. 11-12). As the court of appeals observed, the applying FBI agent made this assertion not to explain his failure to obtain results but as part of a false representation that the wiretap had borne its expected fruit (Pet. App. 9a).

Finally, this Court's decision in *United States v. Giordano,* 416 U.S. 505 (1974), when read in light of Justice Powell's dissent, confiicts squarely with the decision of the court of appeals in this case. The majority held in *Giordano* that if the results of an initial surveillance had been omitted from an extension application, "no extension order at all could have been granted." 416 U.S. at 532. That is precisely what happened in this case. The precondition prescribed by Section 2518(1)(f) was not fulfilled, and the extension was, therefore, invalid. The fact that the extension in *Giordano* had been based on an invalid initial order that *had* produced results surely made *Giordano* no stronger than this case, in which a valid initial order produced no results and no explanation was given of the failure to produce results.

3. Co-defendant Lombardo has, in a separate petition (No. 84-585), challenged the district court's application of the First Amendment's defamation test to the doctrine of *Franks v. Delaware,* 438 U.S. 154 (1978). We adopt that argument, as well as the other arguments made in Lombardo's petition.

The Solicitor General now seeks to avoid the necessary consequence of the lower court's utilization of the First Amendment test – *i.e.,* the application of the rule of appellate review announced in *Bose Corp. v. Consumers Union, Inc.,* 104 S.Ct. 1949 (1984) – by claiming that the district court's conclusion was amply justified (Br. in Opp.

16). In the court of appeals, however, we vigorously challenged the district court's finding, and we believe the finding was wrong even under the "clearly erroneous" standard. *See* Brief for Appellant Williams, 7th Cir., pp. 77-78 & n. 19. The court of appeals invoked the "clearly erroneous" standard because that standard enabled it to avoid a very difficult factual determination. If the court of appeals is directed to apply the *Bose* standard, which is the measure that should govern constitutional claims in which "reckless disregard" is a critical factual issue, it will, we believe, overturn the district court's finding. At the very least, petitioner should be permitted to argue his position to the court of appeals under the correct standard.

4. There is an acknowledged conflict among the courts of appeals over the viability of the co-conspirators' hearsay exception in view of *Ohio v. Roberts,* 448 U.S. 56 (1980) (Br. in Opp. 17-18). The Solicitor General counts five Circuits as opposed to our position, but enumerates four Circuits — including highly respected courts such as the Second and Third Circuits — as "adopt[ing] the rule petitioners urge" (Br. in Opp. 18). Since the legal question is highly important to criminal prosecutions and since there has been substantial uncertainty over it in Circuits where major criminal prosecutions continue to be brought, the issue should be authoritatively resolved by this Court.

There is, finally, no substance — insofar as petitioner Williams is concerned — to the assertion that the hearsay declarations admitted against him had "indicia of reliability." Dorfman's most incriminating statements regarding petitioner Williams were *not* made in Williams' presence or in the presence of anyone else who had reason to know what Williams had said or done. Dorfman had every per-

sonal reason to falsify and exaggerate Williams' involvement during conversations in Williams' absence. And, contrary to the Solicitor General's representation, the most incriminating conversations occurred after the events in question and they consisted of recitations by others as to what Mr. Williams had done. Consequently, a scrupulous evaluation of the reliability of the declarations would render them inadmissible against Mr. Williams.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, and those set forth in our petition, the writ of certiorari should be granted.

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